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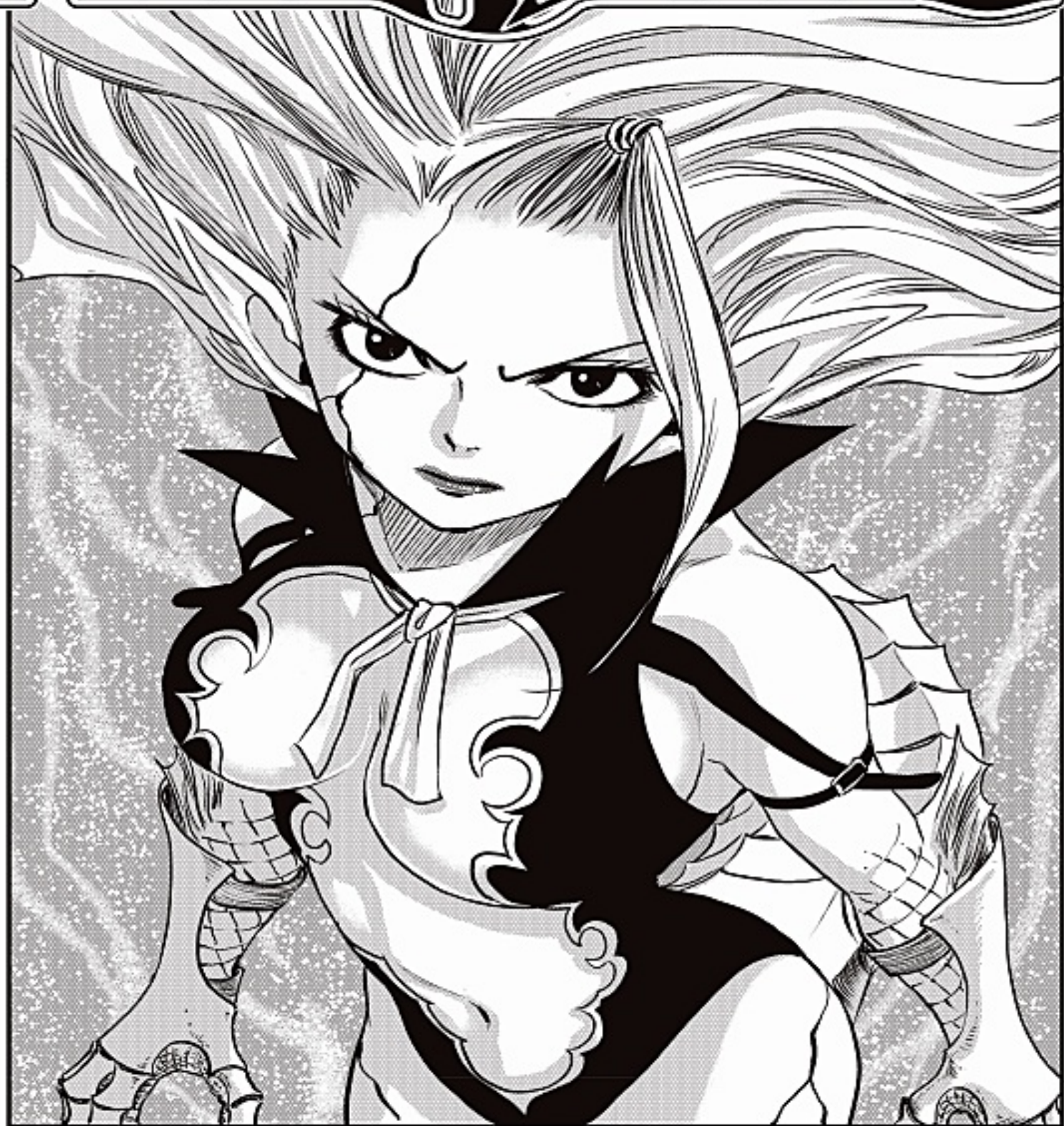
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Remarks

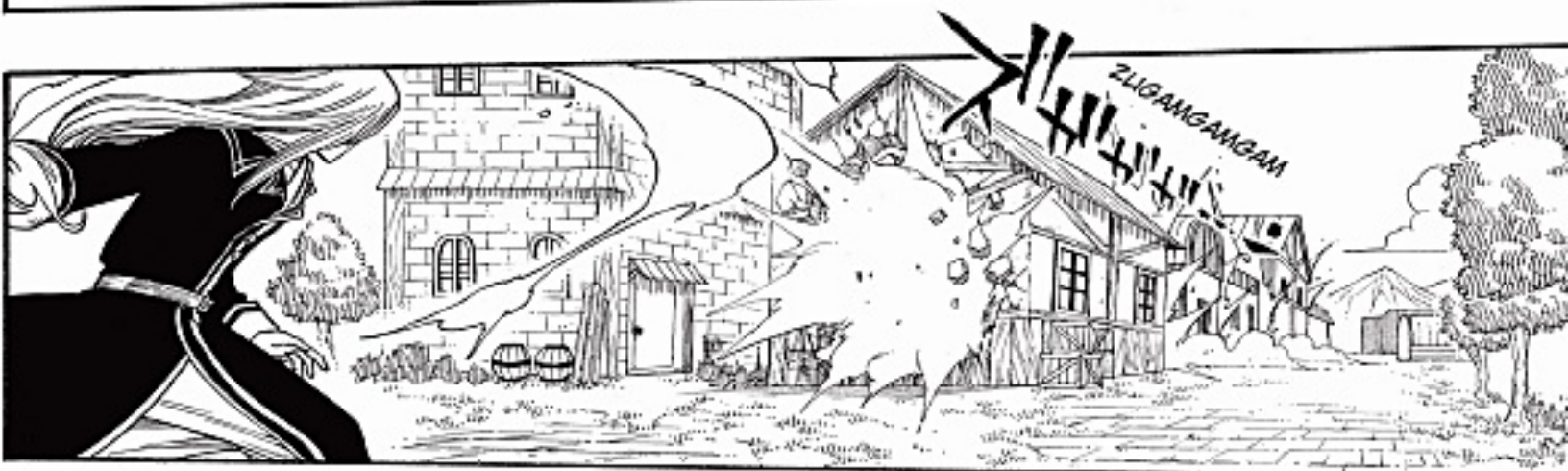
He's considered young compared to present-day Fairy Tail members, and everyone has great expectations for his future as a wizard.

His Light Magic stems from the fact that his body radiates light energy like a corona, and his attacks have an area of effect, so they hit multiple targets. Normally he's very reserved, but there are so many rumors surrounding him that the pet name everyone's adopted for him is, "That's our Tono!"

Here's an example:

He lives some three hours by post carriage from the guild, but one day he bought some fast food from a restaurant near the guild and brought it home. It was cold by that time, but he ate it anyway. Nobody knows why, but when everyone in the guild heard the story, they all opened their mouths as one and said, "That's our Tono!"

Chapter 110: Resign







Lexus,
you...



Shut up!!!
I'd get out
of here if I
could!!!



But more to
the point, why
are you here,
Natsu?!

*A
thought
projec-
tion!!!*



The other punks
are all out there
beating each
other up! I never
figured you
could just stand
by and watch.

Your
friends...
Wait a
second. I
called you
a "punk,"
didn't I?



Want to
surren-
der?



Kh...



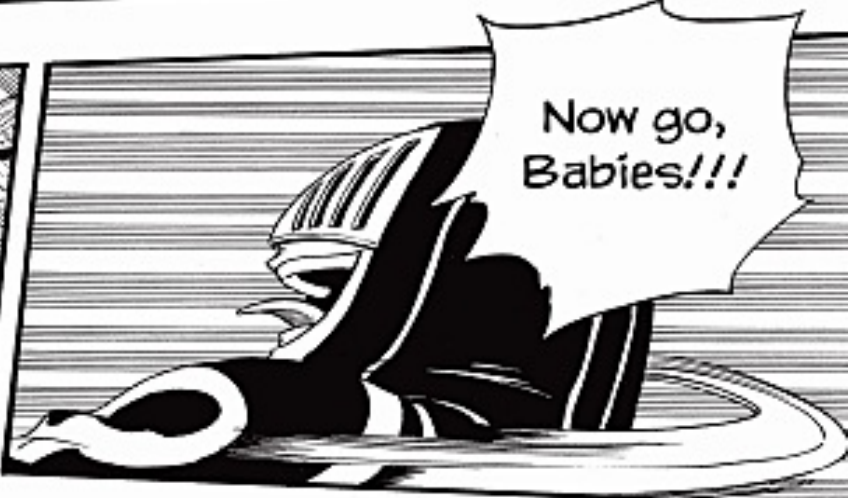
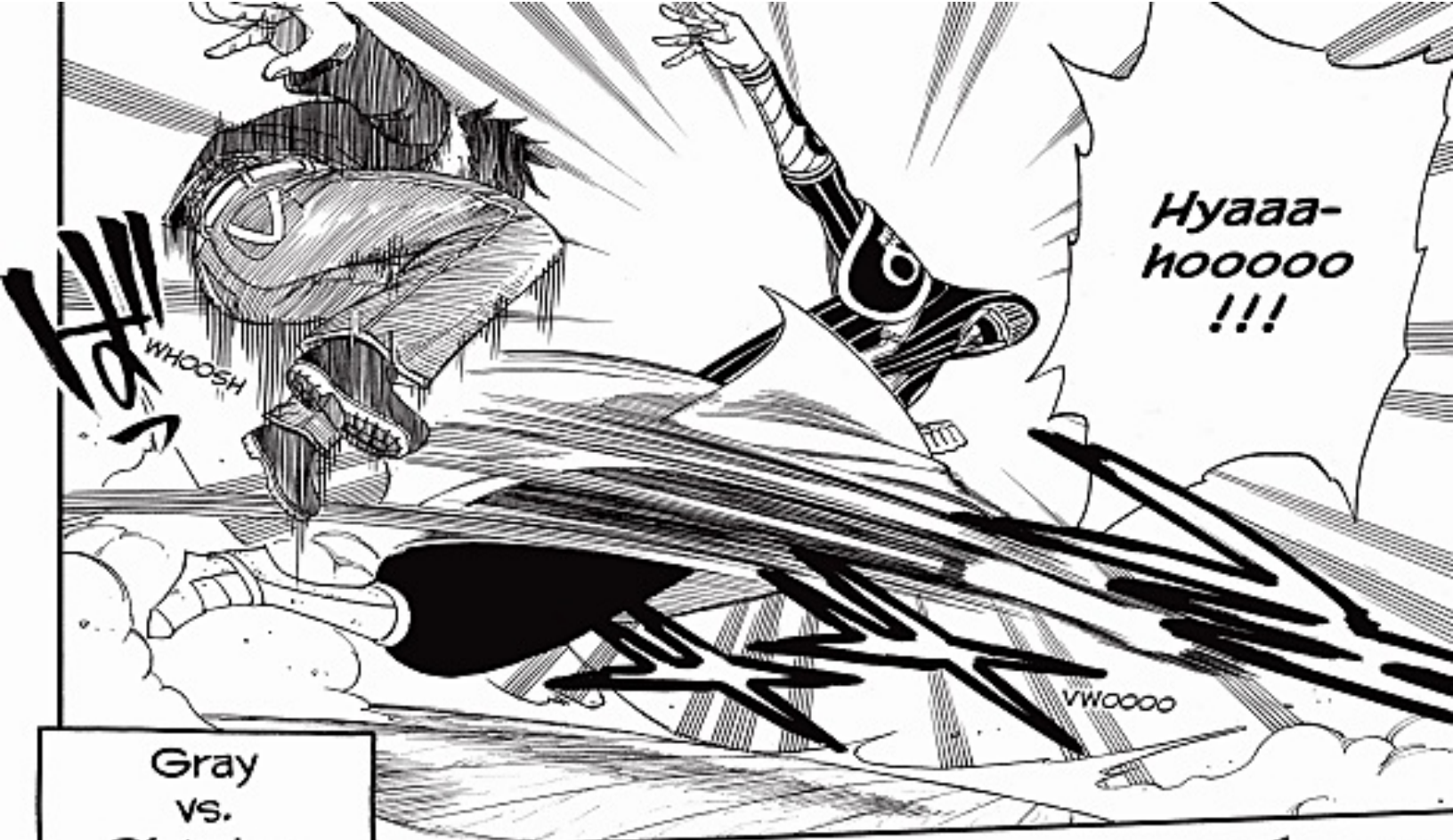
...



Ahh... Well, with Natsu
and Erza sitting on the
sidelines, there's really
nobody left who can
stand up to my Raijin
Tribe*, is there?

*-Thunder God Tribe









Nnwha—
?!!

When
did he
manage...?!!

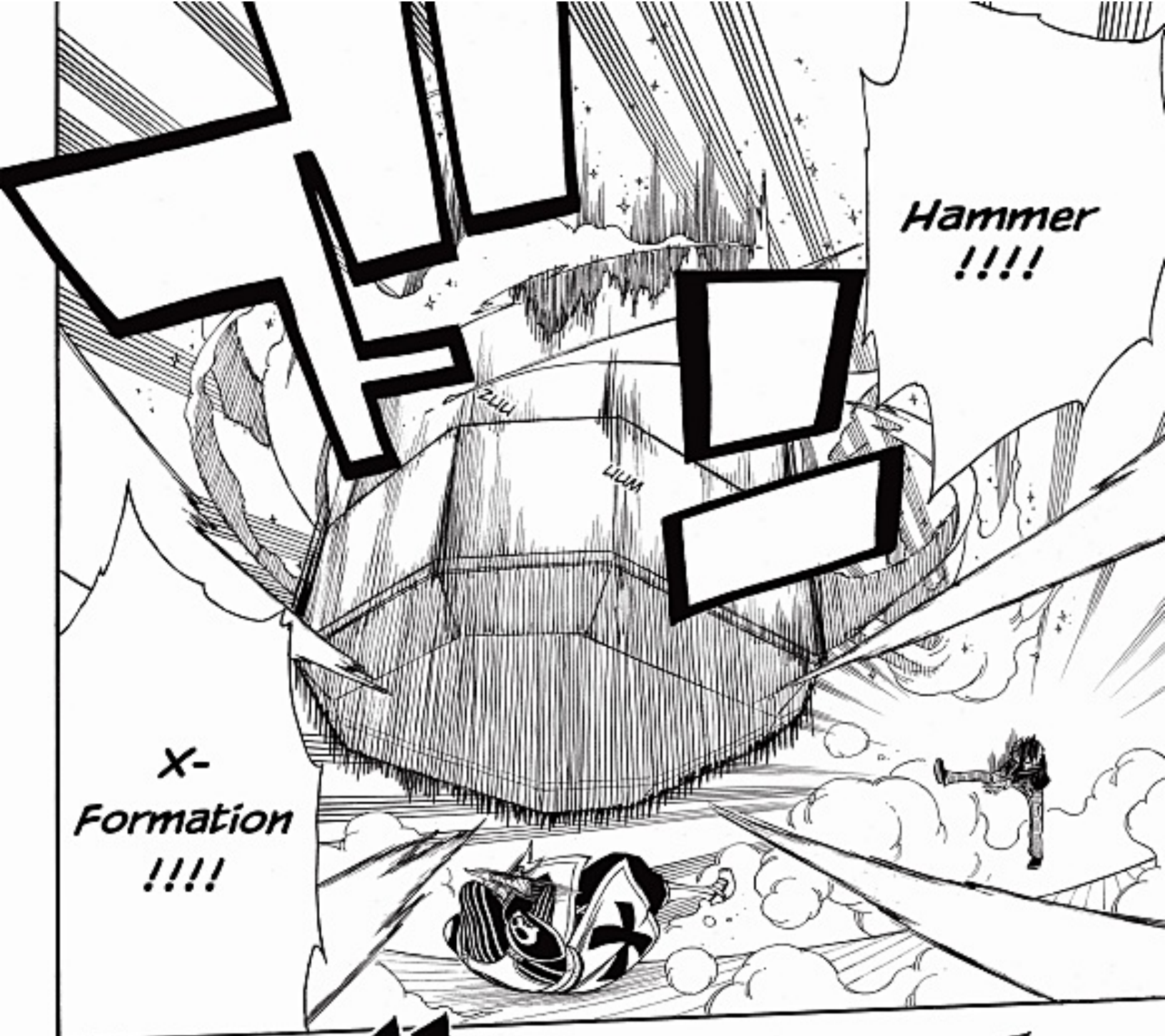


Igeeh
!!!!

DOGOOOM



Ice
Make...



You can freeze the dolls, but the souls can easily move into other dolls!

WAFPT

ふわ

WAFPT

ふわ

My version of Seith Magic, *Puppetry*, takes souls and places them inside dolls!

Easily!

Easily!

Come on!! I dare you to try!!!

BEEEEHH

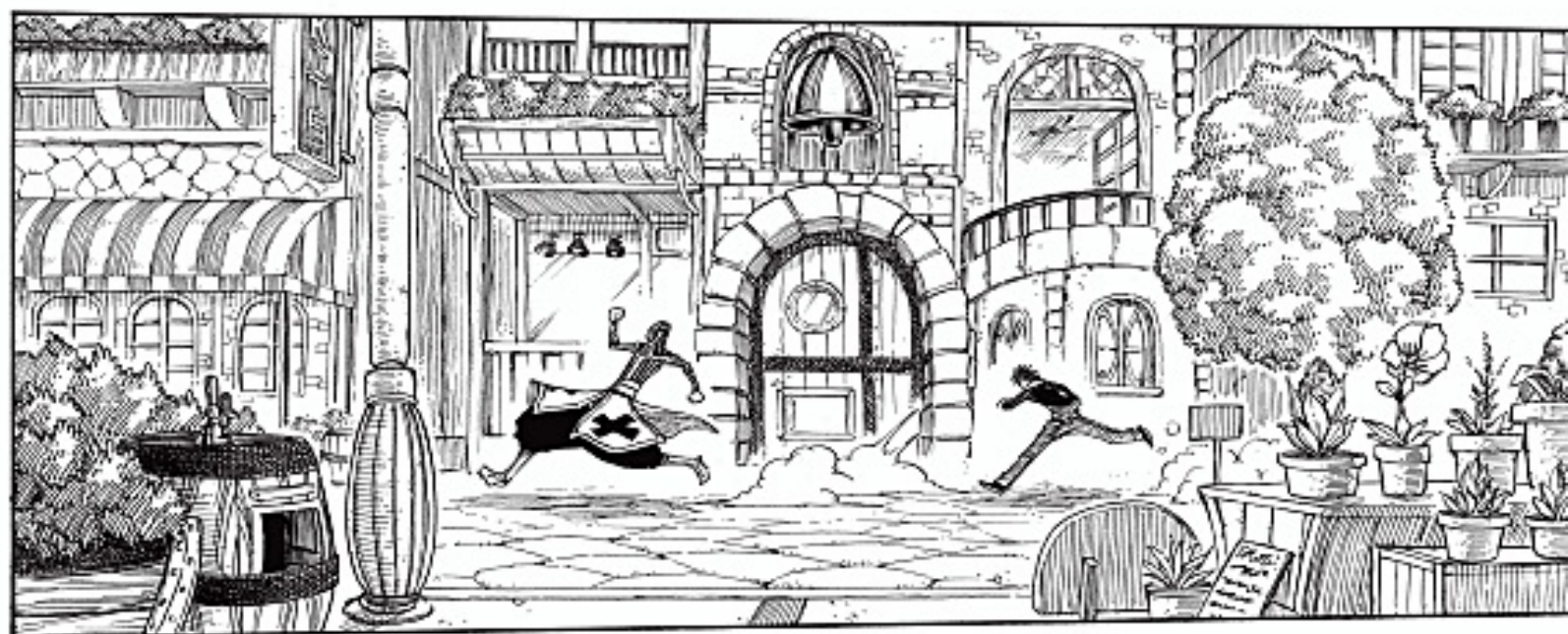
Then how about I freeze *you* instead?!!!

PAKIKK

You... Are you running away?!!

Uhya
hya
hya
hyaaa
!!!

BAKIKK





You see, at times like this, the wizard who can work by remote control is the strongest.



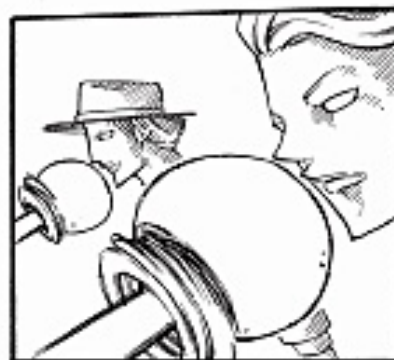
A trap ?!!

何事か！
魔術師の
呪詛が
聞こえる

Anyone within these boundaries must use no magic until the battle is over.

The mannequins ?!!

SHUNN



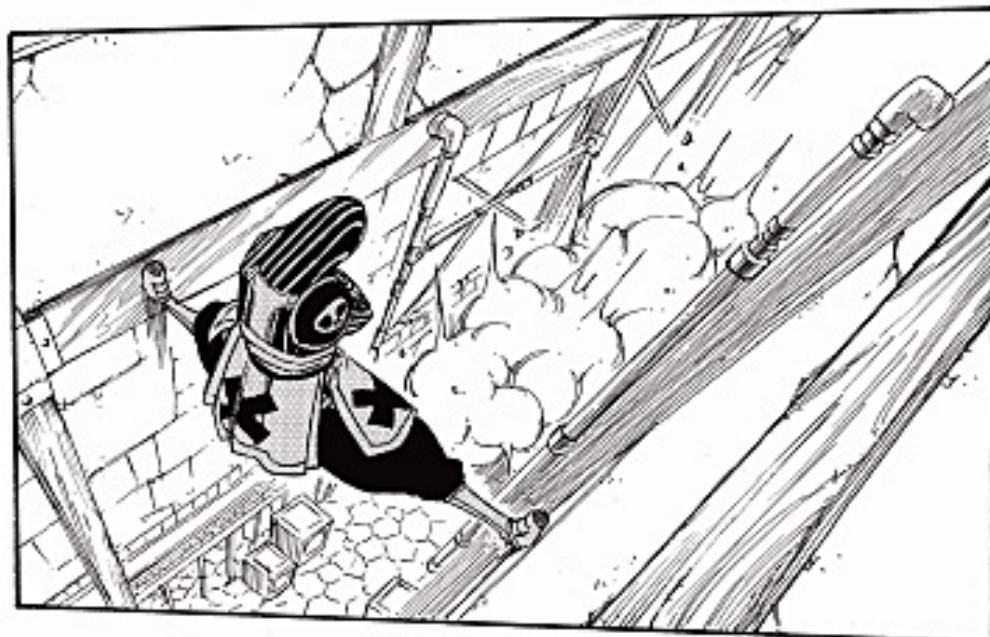
GWAHHH
!!!!

Too bad,
Gray!!! I
guess you
can't use
your magic
after all!!!

Uhya
ha
ha
ha
!!!!

Aaaaaah!!!

ZLDM DM DM DM DM

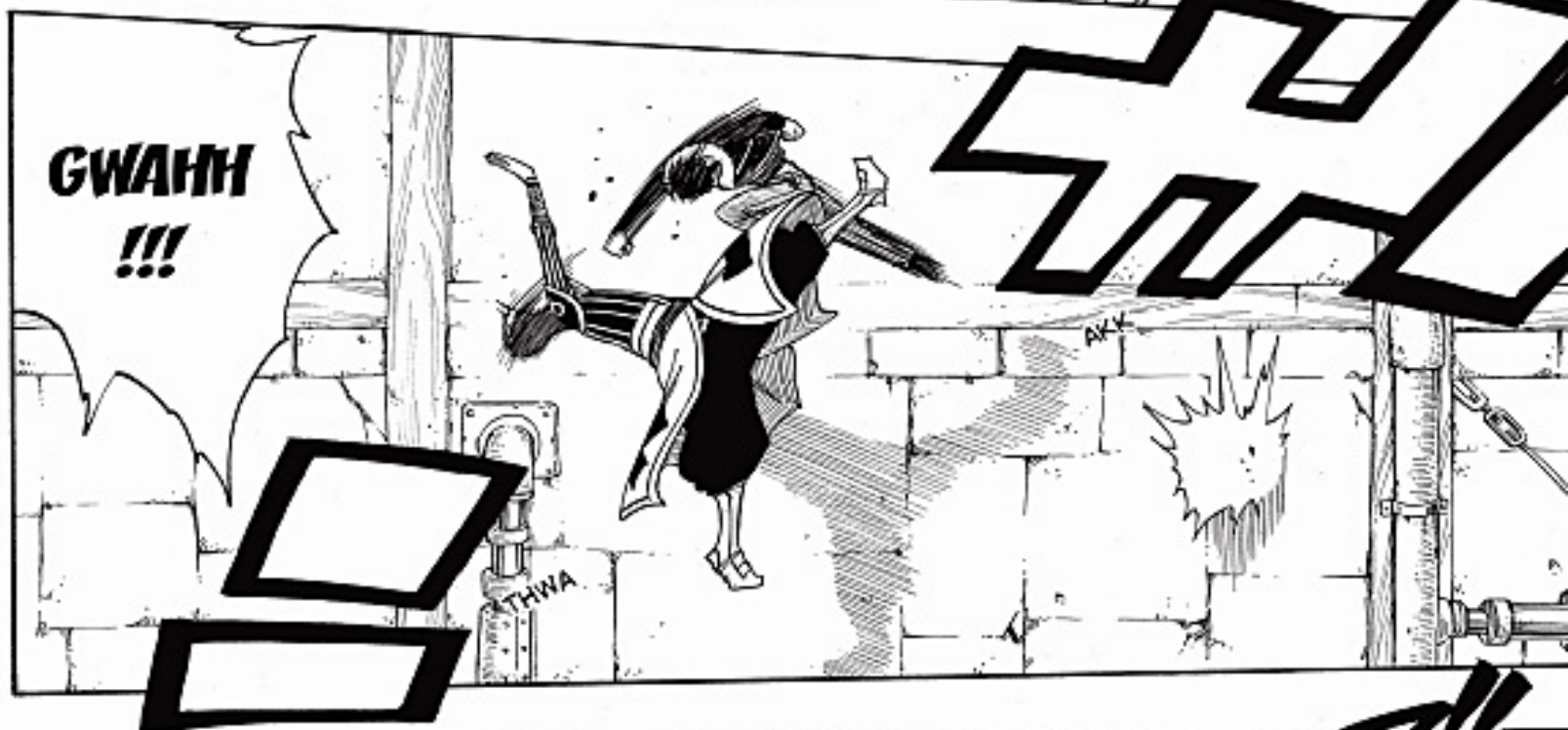


It
can't
be!!

!!!



U
O
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O
h
h
!!!!



GWAAH
!!!



SKRRRCH



ZUGAWW



Dammit!!!
He took
my Babies'
attack full
on, and he
still...



I guess
the fight
was over
after all!

Winner:
Bickslow

Oh!
Okay!!





Gray: Unable to defend himself

Remaining Members: 28



Fwa
ha
ha
ha
ha
!!!

Didn't
I tell
you
so?!!



Gajeel
can
!!!

Too
bad for
you!! It
looks
like he's
sitting
this one
out!!!



Who can stand
against the
Raijin Tribe now?
Heh heh heh!



Nrrg!!!

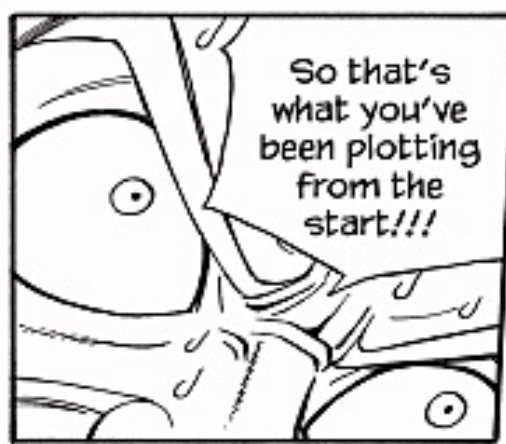
It isn't true!!!
They must have
used some
lousy, dirty
trick!!!





...then the only thing for him to do is resign his position and transfer the seat of Master of Fairy Tail to me!!!!

We can't have that...!!! I mean, if the master of the world-famous Fairy Tail guild is willing to admit defeat so easily...



So that's what you've been plotting from the start!!!



Huh
?!!

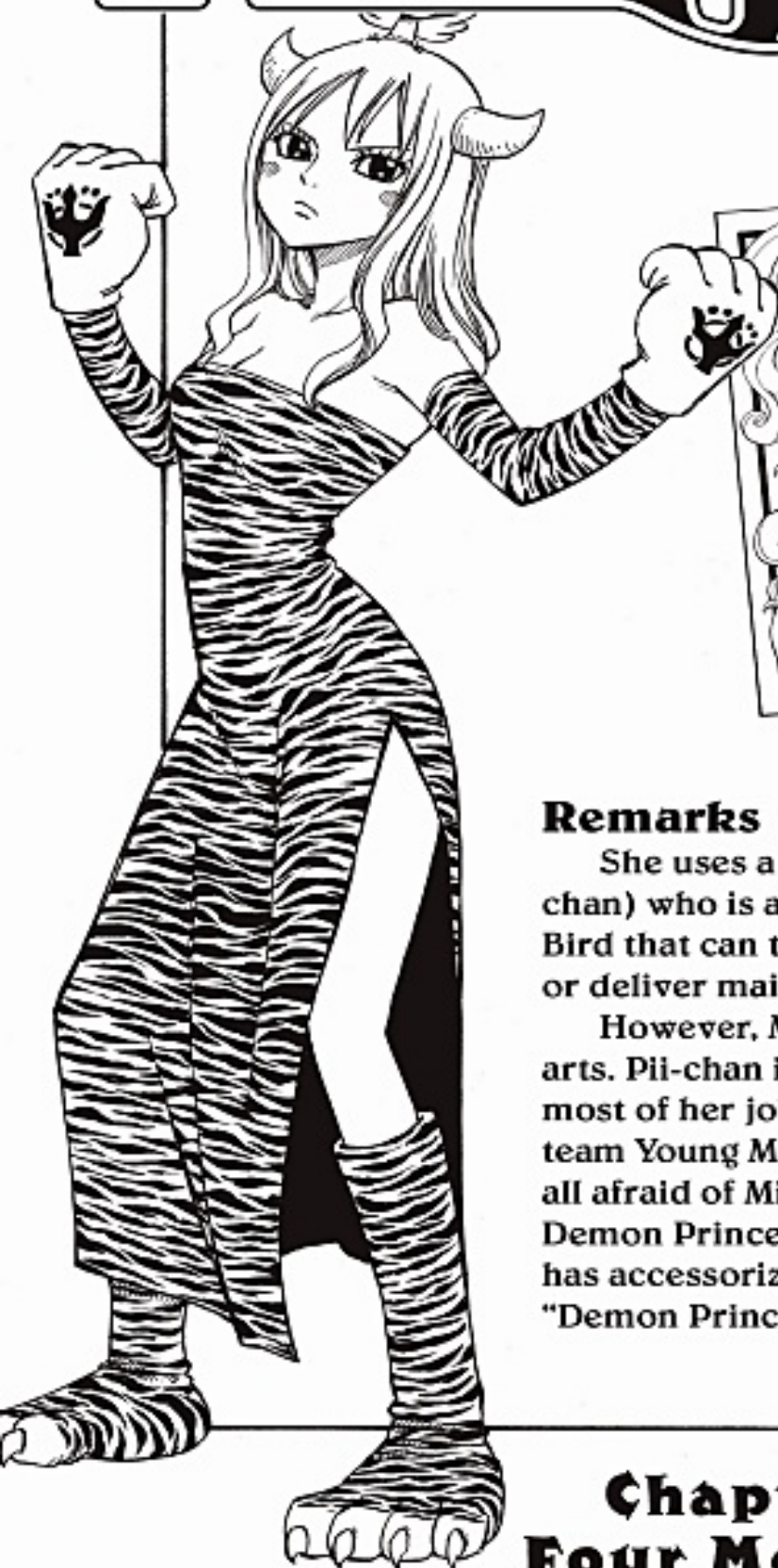
That's dirty, Laxus!!! Are you really that afraid to fight me?!!



Think it over very carefully !!!

There's only an hour and a half left before those stone statues of women turn to sand!!!

FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL

Name: Mickey Chickentiger Age: 18 yrs.

Magic: Magic Bird & Martial Arts

Likes: Birds Dislikes: Boredom



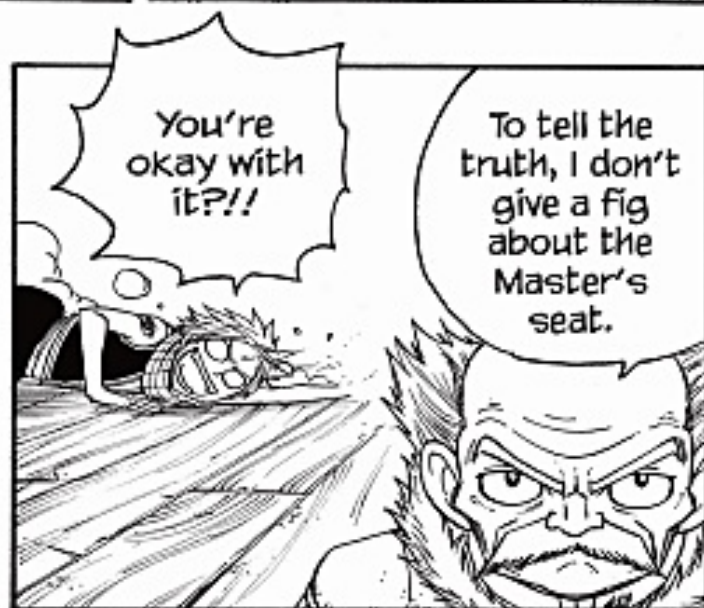
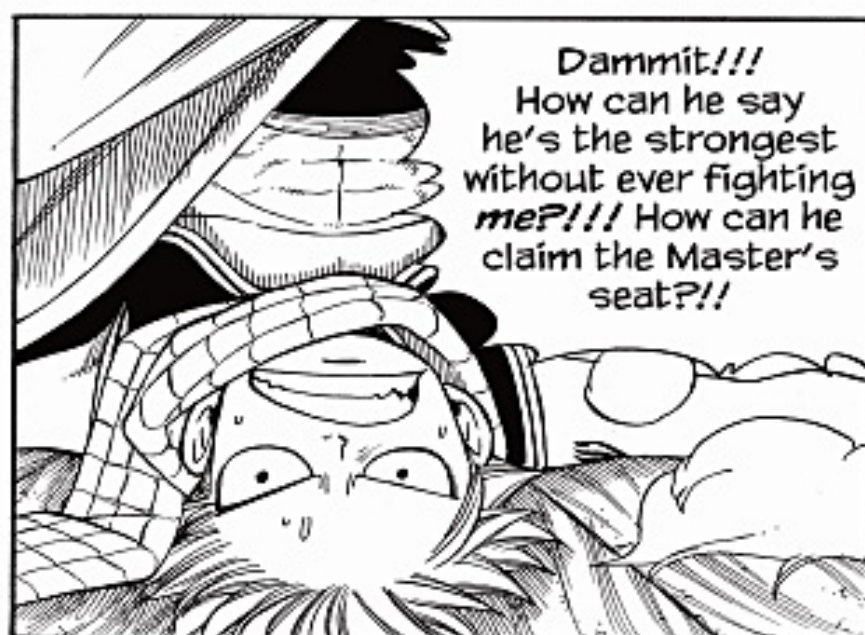
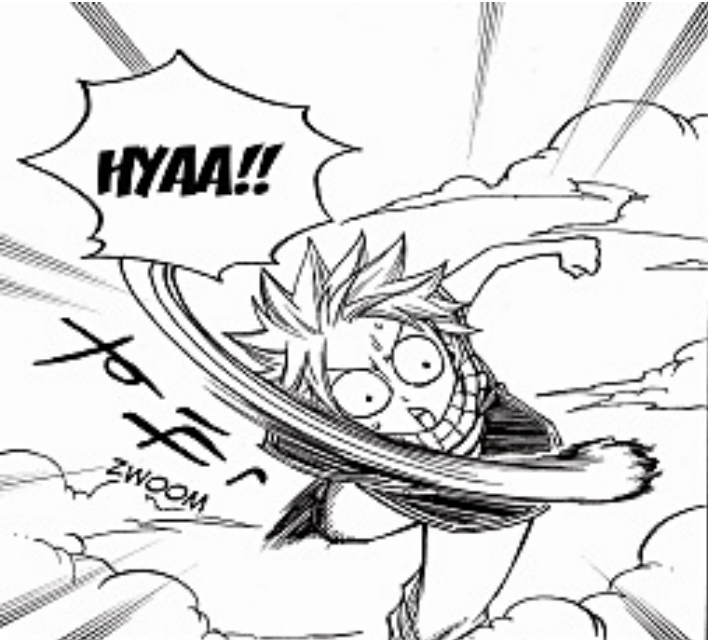
Remarks

She uses a magic that controls the bird (Pii-chan) who is always with her. The bird is a Magic Bird that can turn into a fireball, become a shield, or deliver mail for her. (By the way, it can talk.)

However, Mickey's main weapon is her martial arts. Pii-chan is usually just along for the ride on most of her jobs. She's the leader and core of the team Young Mega-Death, but the team members are all afraid of Mickey, and they gave her the nickname Demon Princess. She rather likes the name, and has accessorized her hair with horns to match the "Demon Princess" character.

**Chapter 111:
Four Members Remaining**

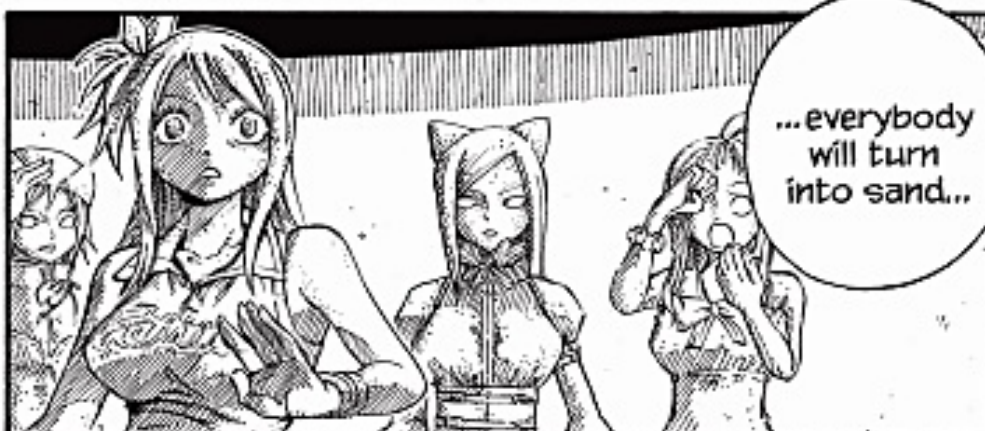




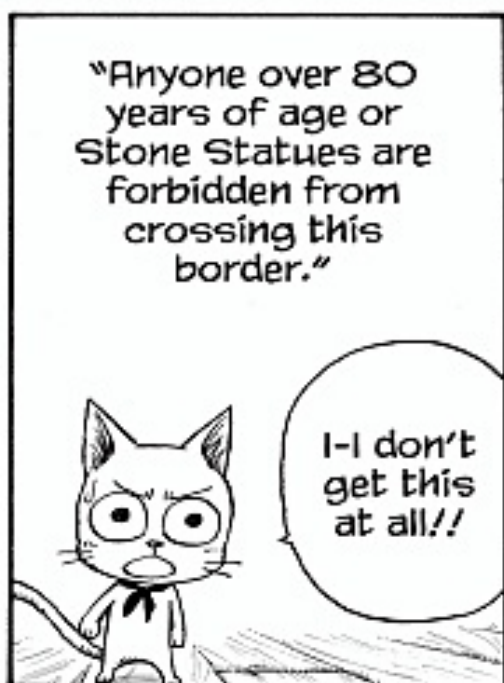
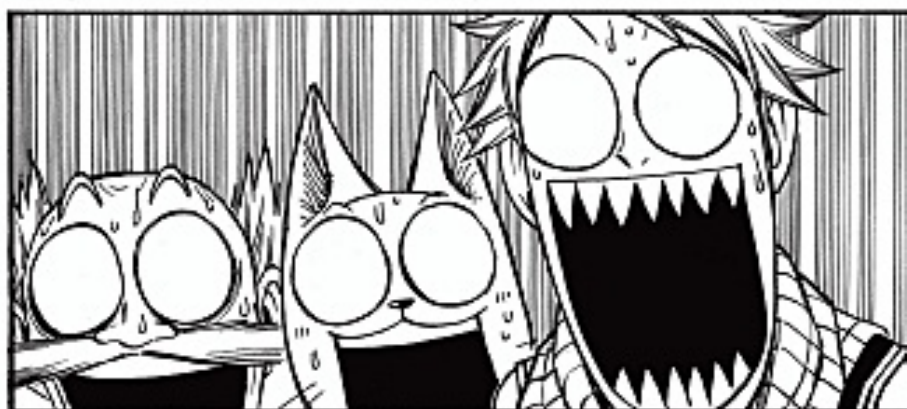
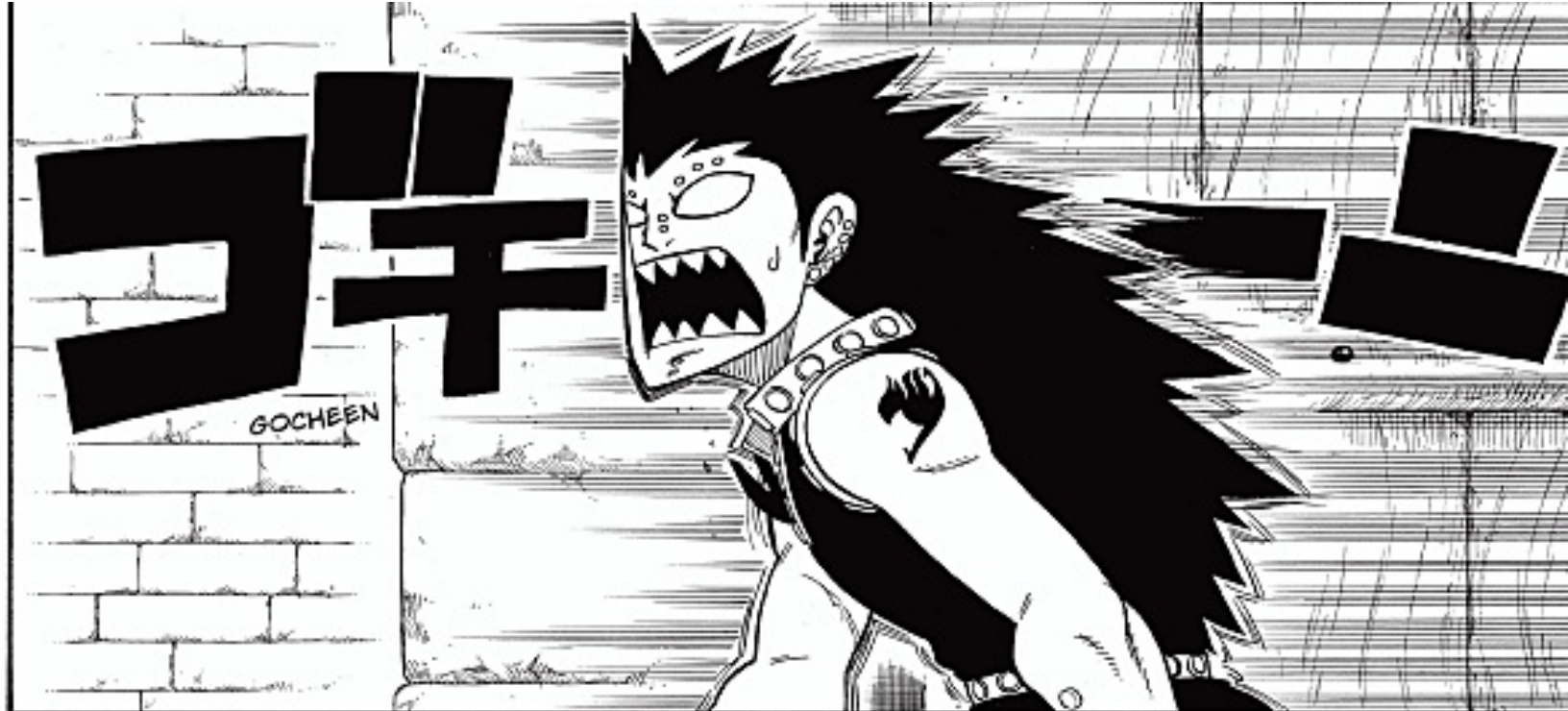


**Conviction
and heart!!!
And he's
short on
both!!!!**

**There are
two things
that he
needs to
sit in that
seat.**

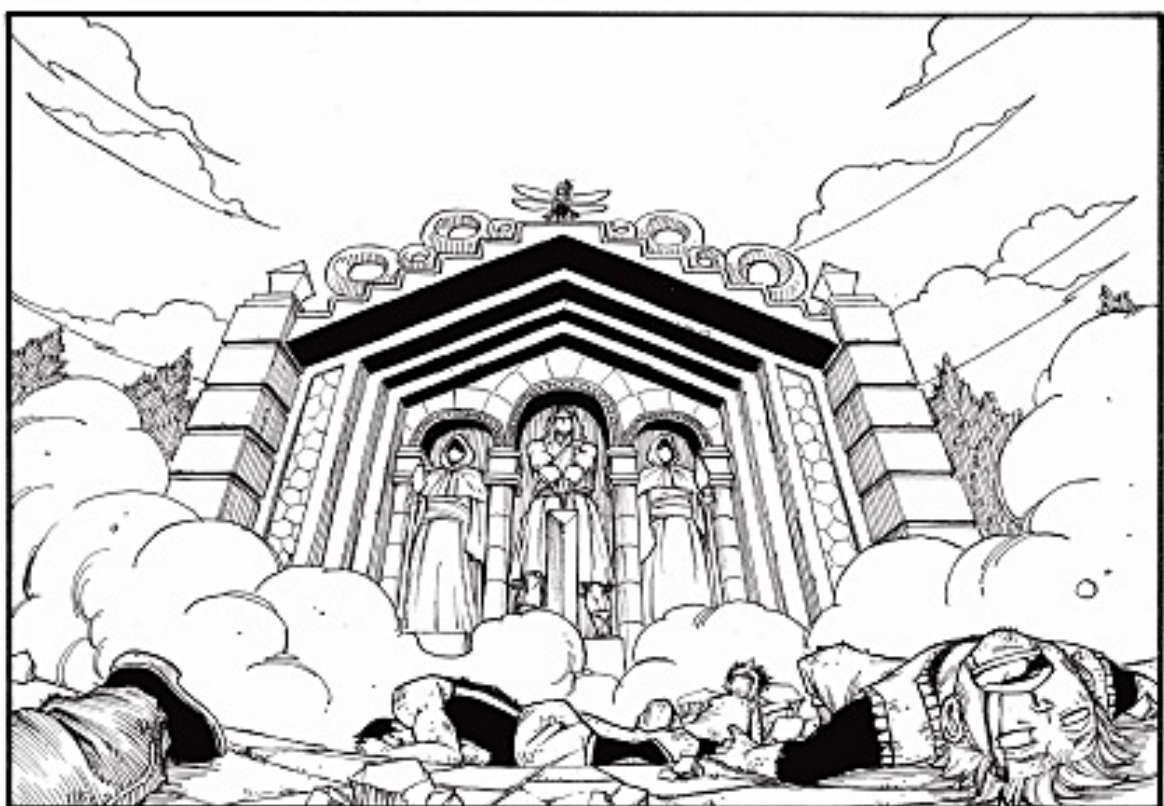


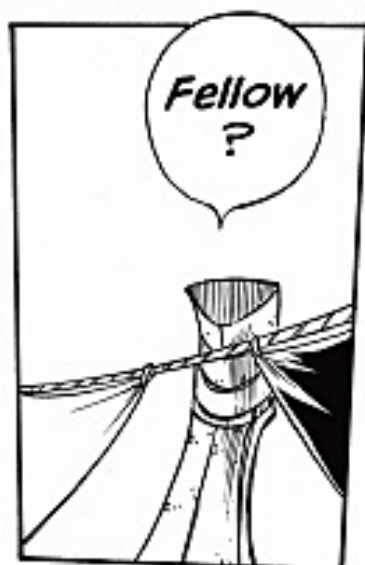


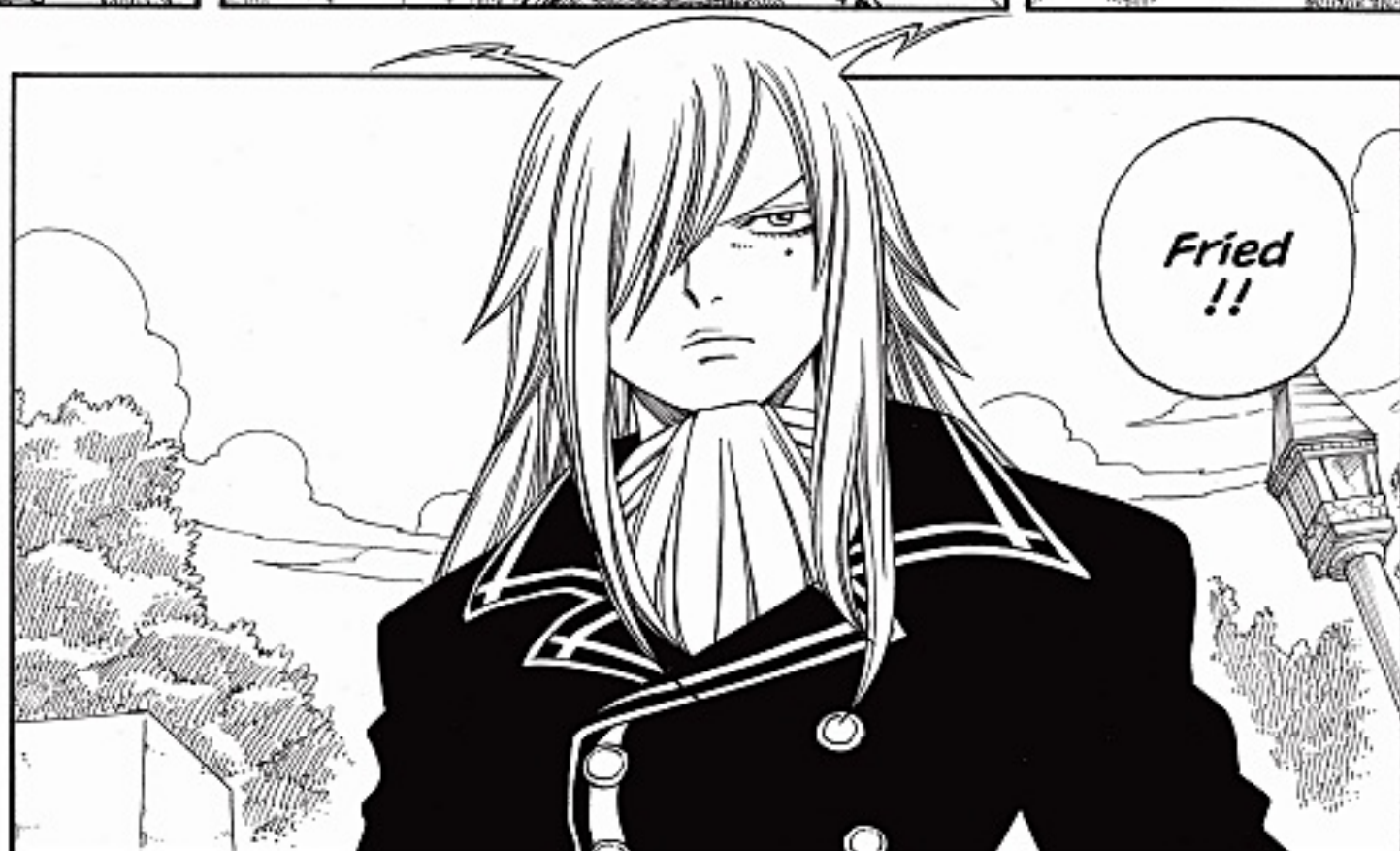
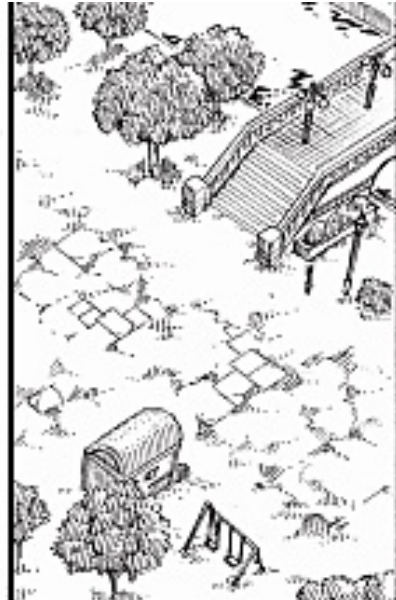




Rww...
Look at the
weaklings!











GAK
!!



You were
able
to cut
through
...

...
my
Wind-
Magic
bullet
?!!



C-Can you
use some
other...weird
magic apart
from Jutsu-
Shiki...?

Khh
...

Urnn...
SLUMP

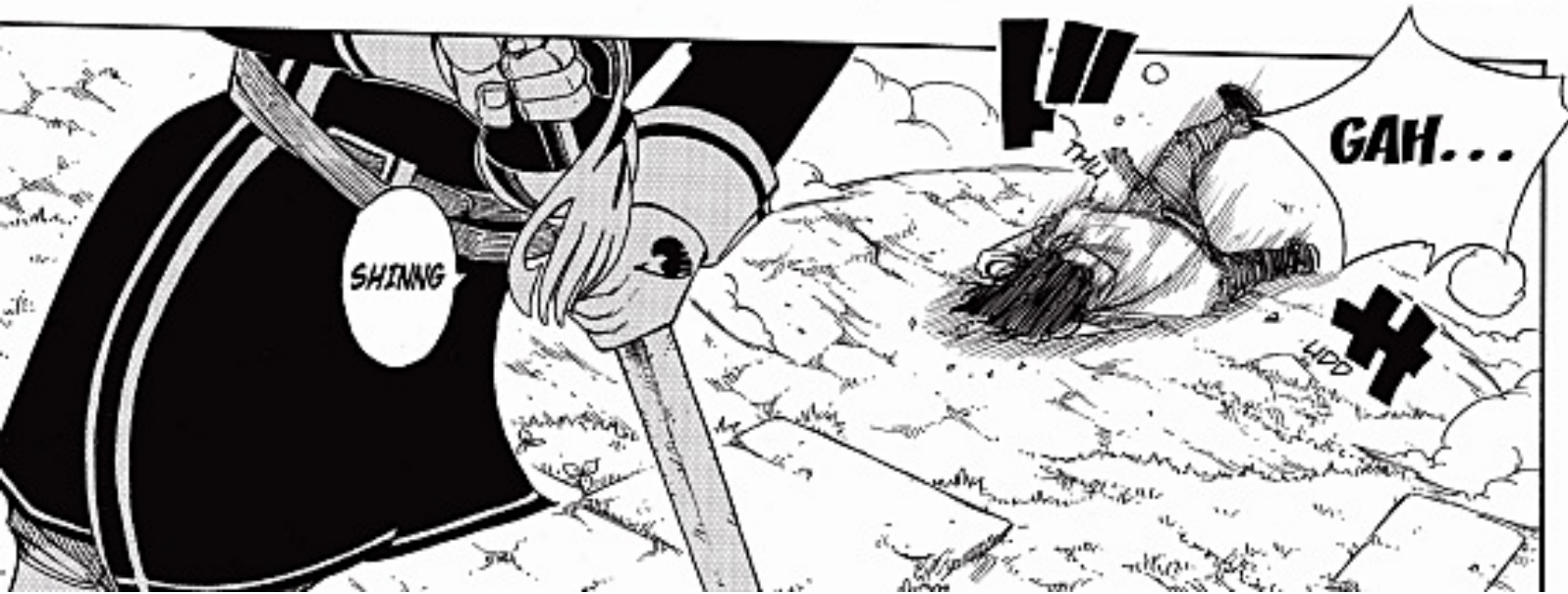


Wh-
What's
going-

Agh!!

Can't
breathe
...

Urk
...



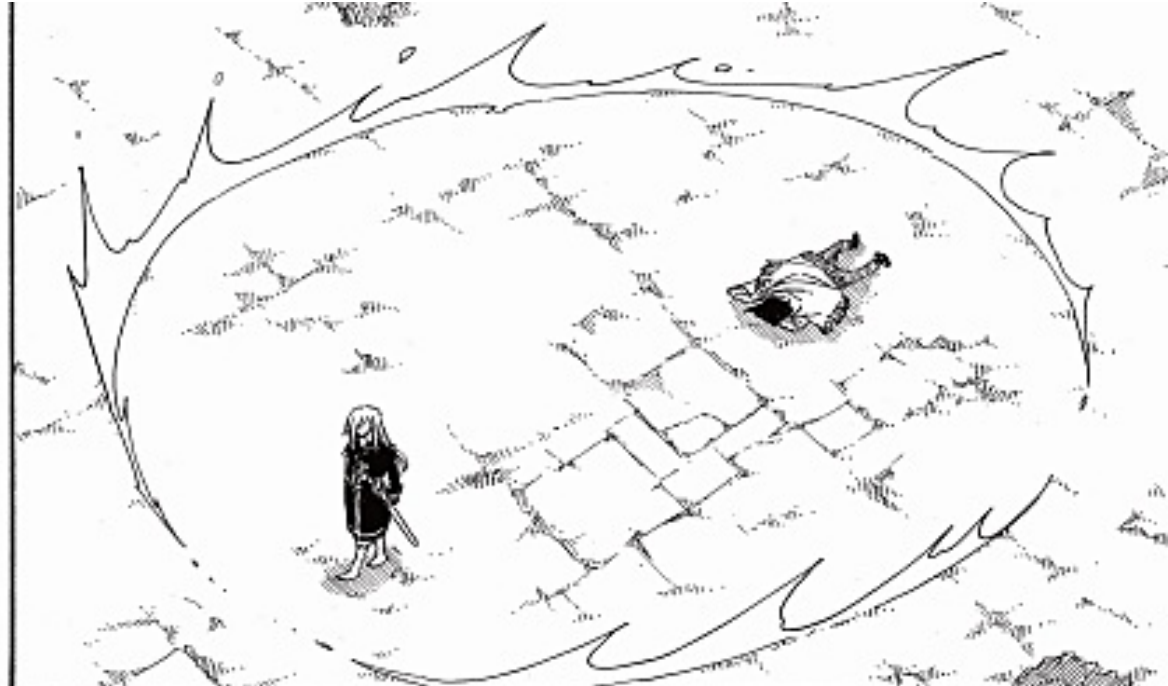
SHINING

GAH...

THU
LDD

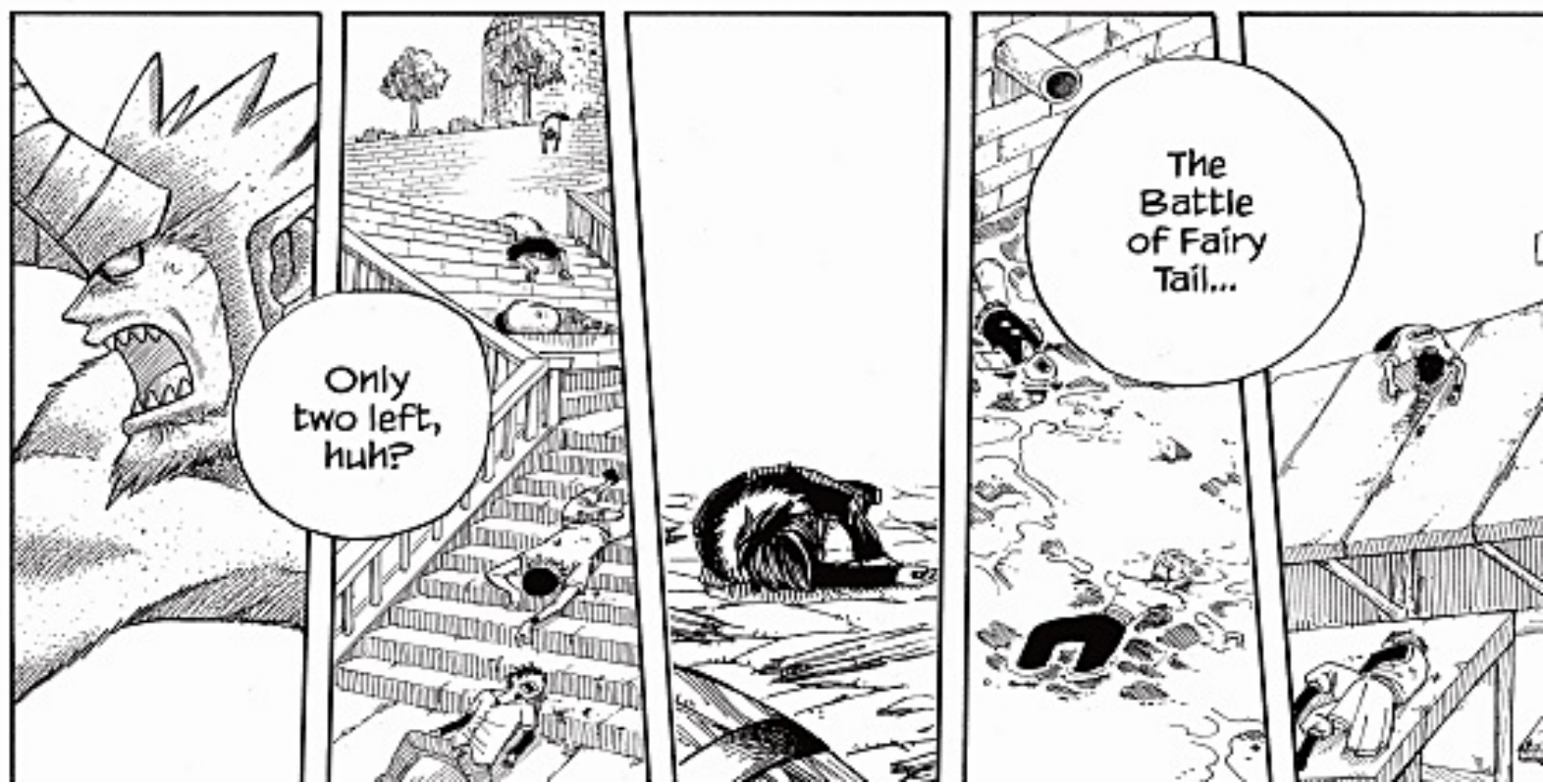
下々々々
 SHUUU
 上上上上
 上上上上上上上上上上
 上上上上上上上上上上
 上上上上上上上上上上

Rule: Anyone within
 these boundaries who
 uses magic will have
 the oxygen taken
 from their lungs.



Who but
 the rule
 maker
 can hope
 to win?!!

I am doing
 nothing but
 using my
 Jutsu-Shiki
 to their full
 effect.



Only
 two left,
 huh?

The
 Battle
 of Fairy
 Tail...





W-Wait a minute!! You can do it?!! You...?!! How?!!



Aww!! And I thought this was my chance to put Erza in her place!!!

What?!!!

There's no choice left. I have to go get Erza back to normal!!!

STOMP STOMP



N
O
O
O
O
O
!!!!

If you get it hot enough, it melts.

You know, the top part of the stone.



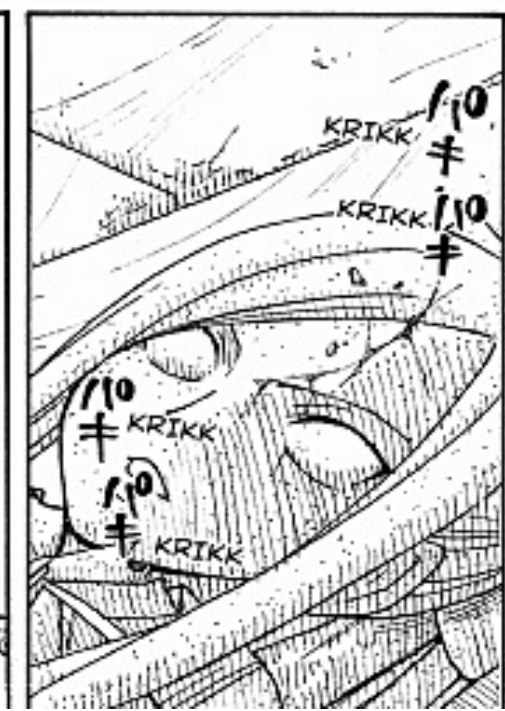
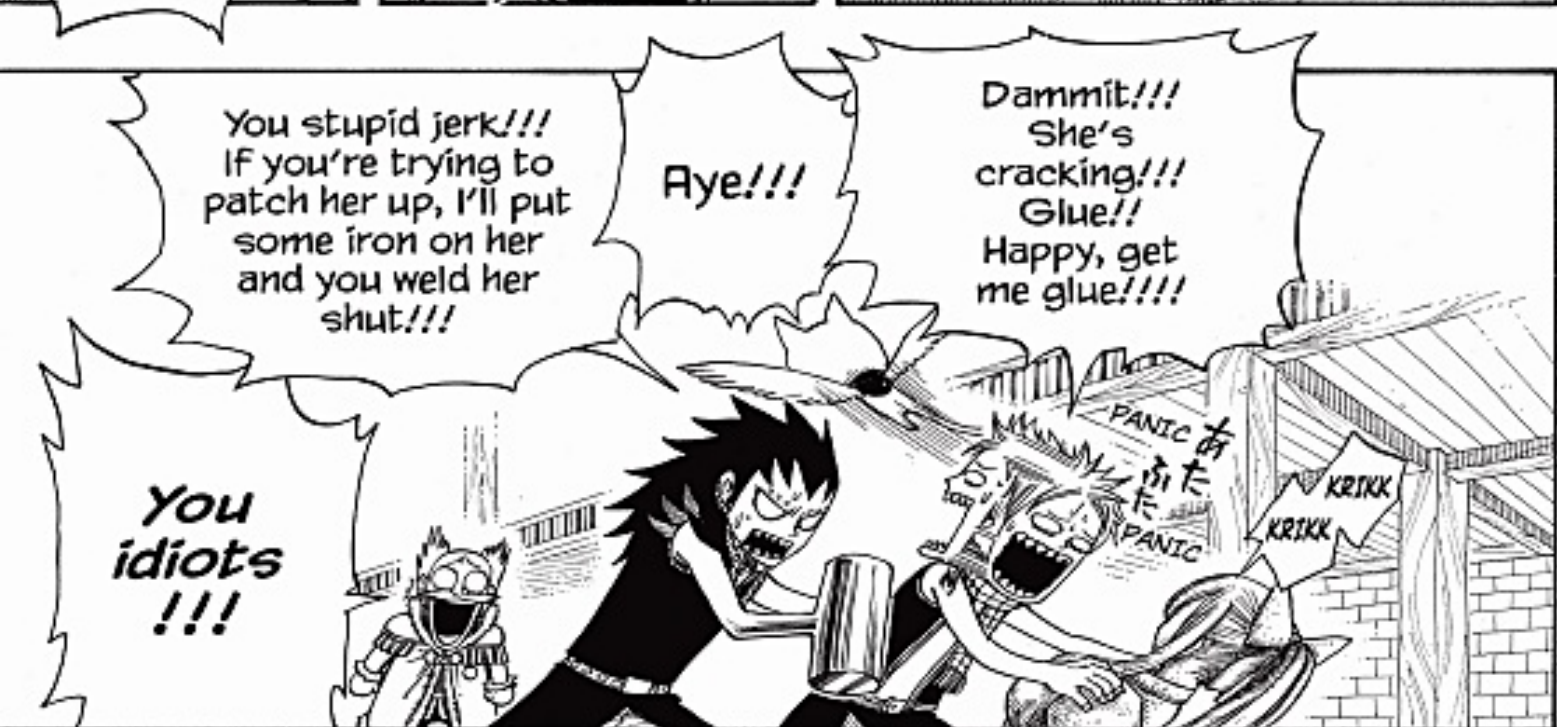
Hey, you creep!!! You look like you're trying to feel her up!!!

Natsu, stop rubbing fire all over her!!!

G
O
O
G
H

I do know!!! Don't do it!!! Are you trying to *kill* her?!!

You never know until you try.



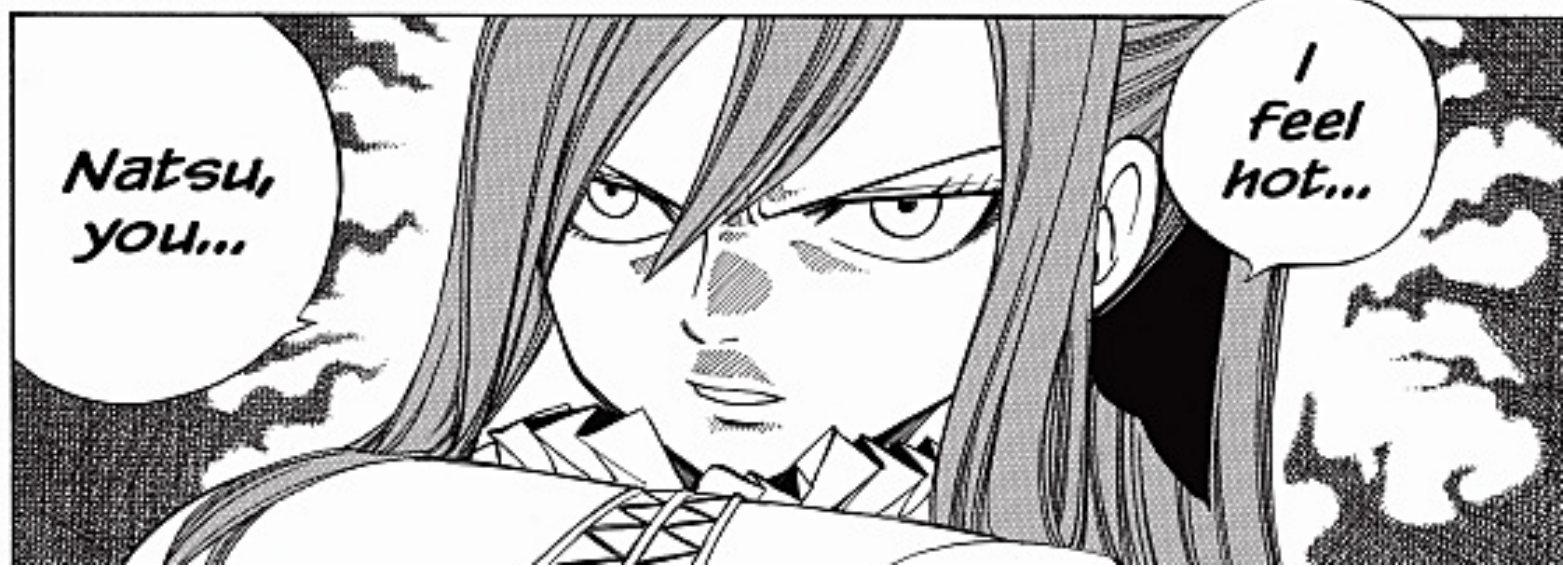
むくっ

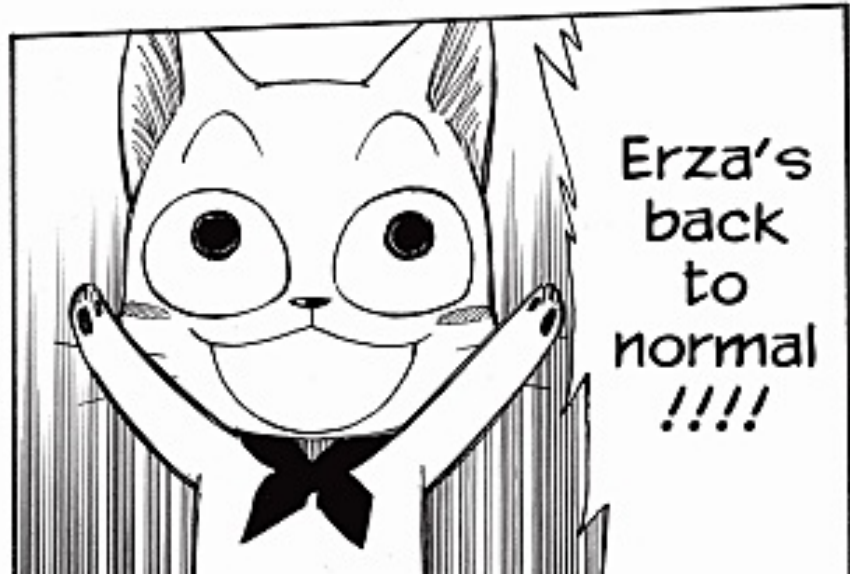
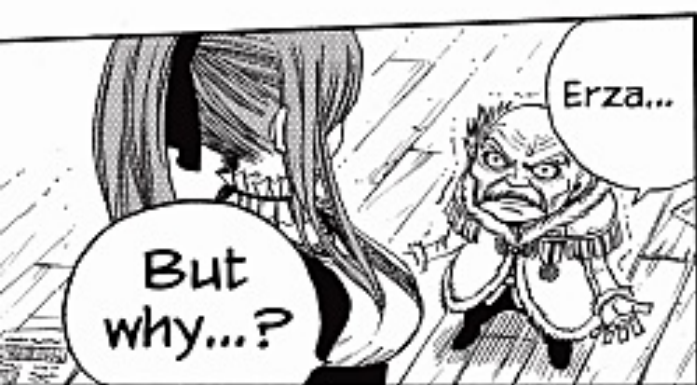
MUICK

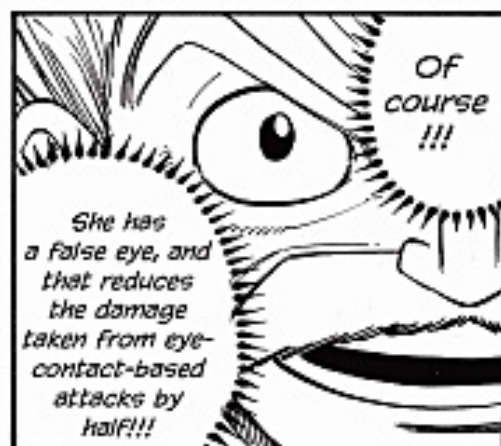


Natsu,
you...

I
feel
hot...







VEE

Remaining
Members: 4

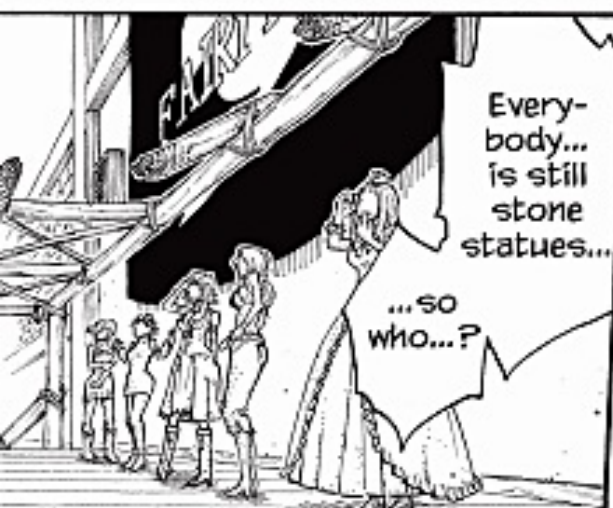
I had my
doubts,
but...

And so, the
three remaining
members are
Natsu, Gajeel
and Erza,
right?

Remaining
Members: 3

REMAINING

With me
back in
action, the
count of
survivors
is properly
brought up
to date.

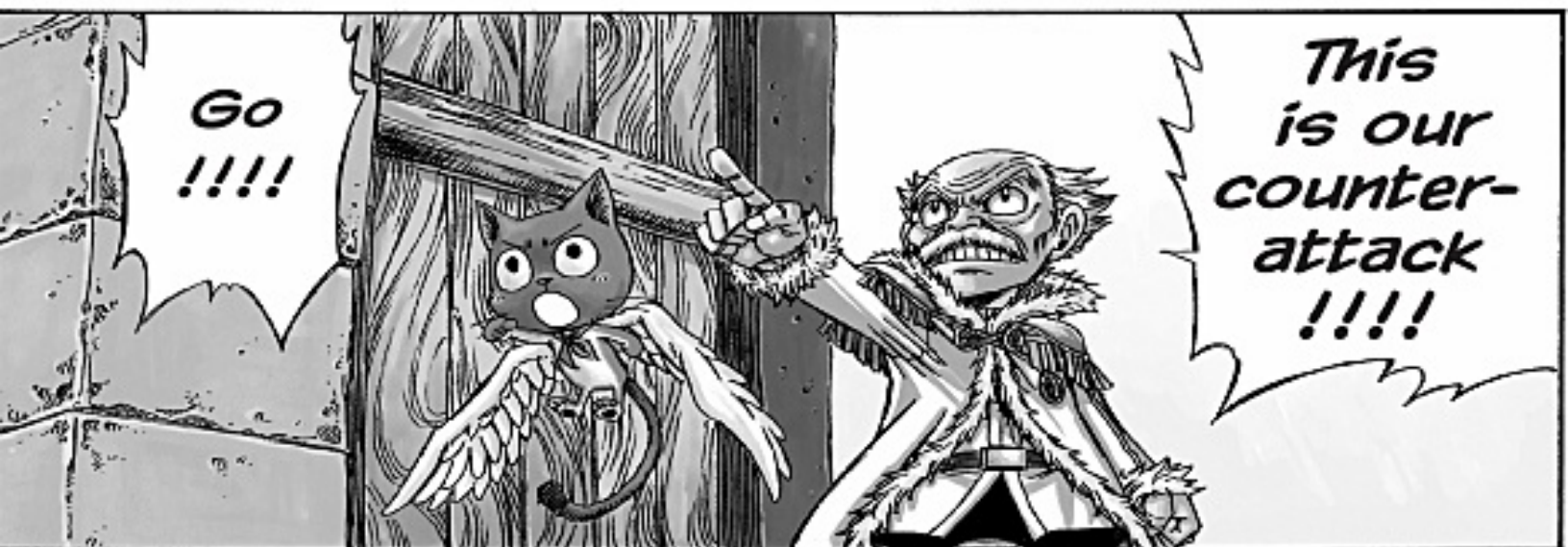
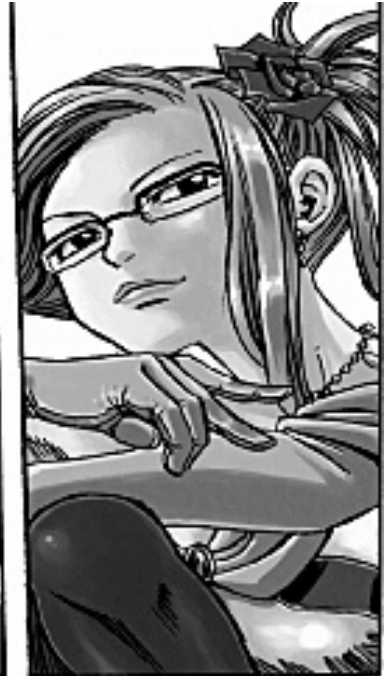


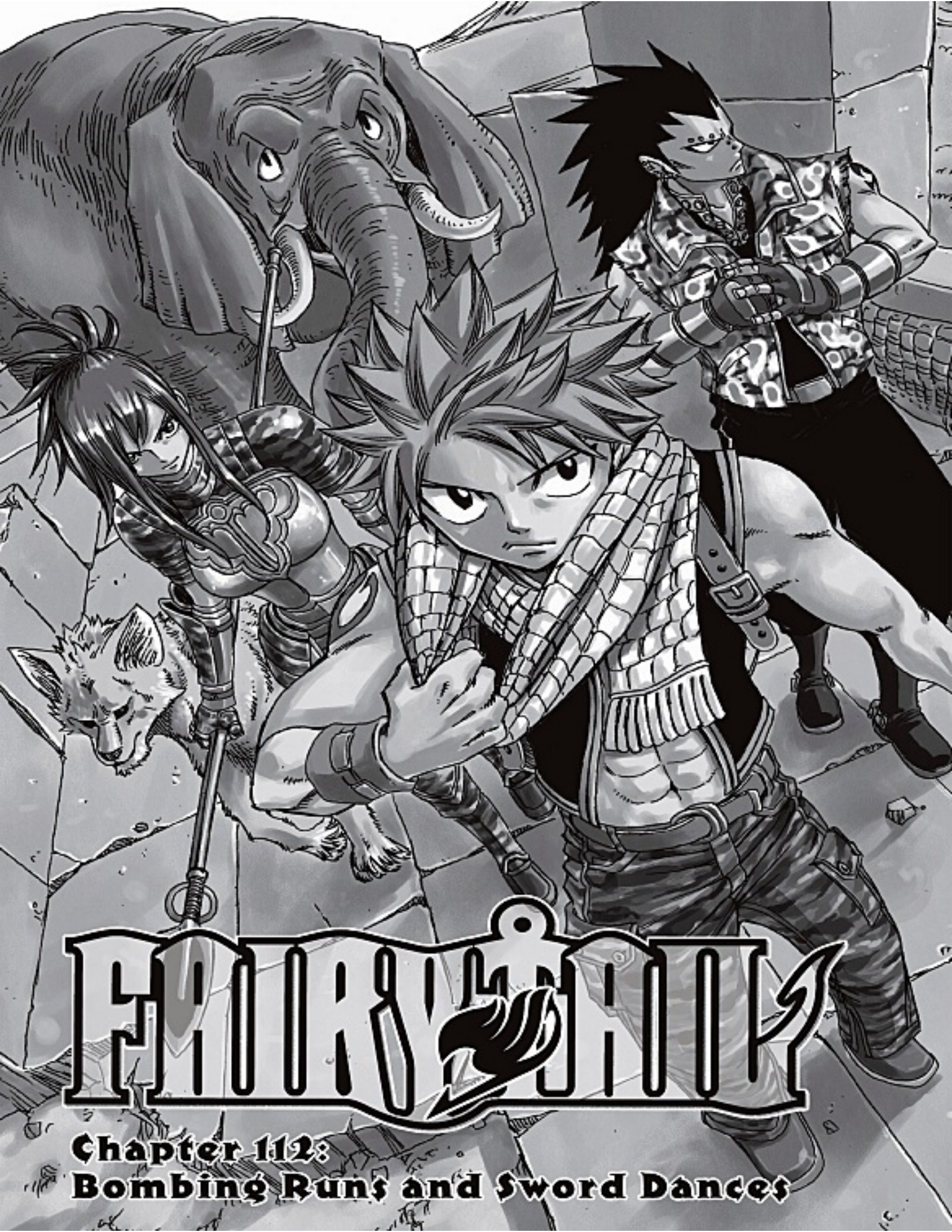


One
more of
Fairy Tail's
strongest
members...

Mystogan
!!!!

SHKK





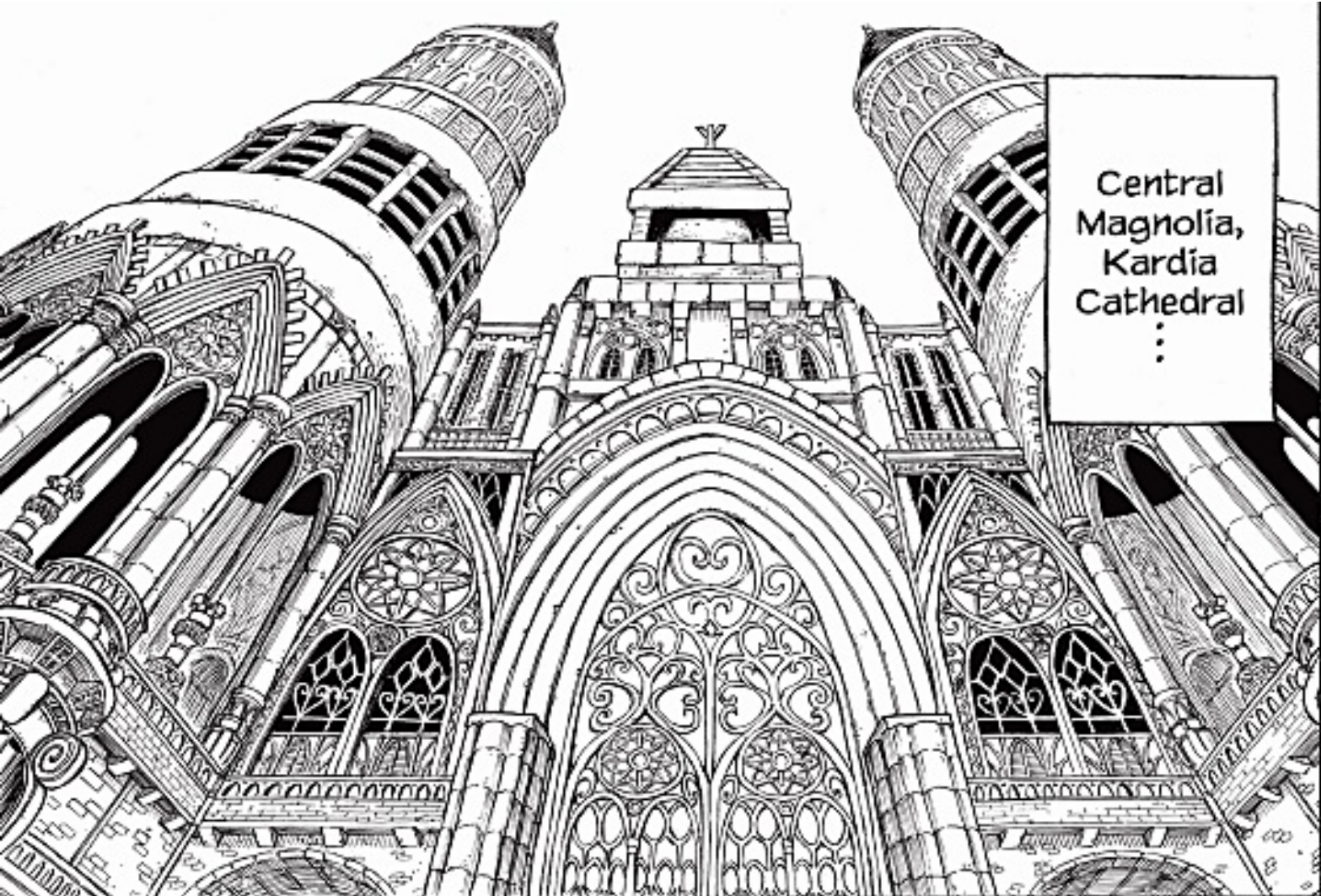
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Chapter 112:
Bombing Runs and Sword Dances





 **FAIRY TAIL**



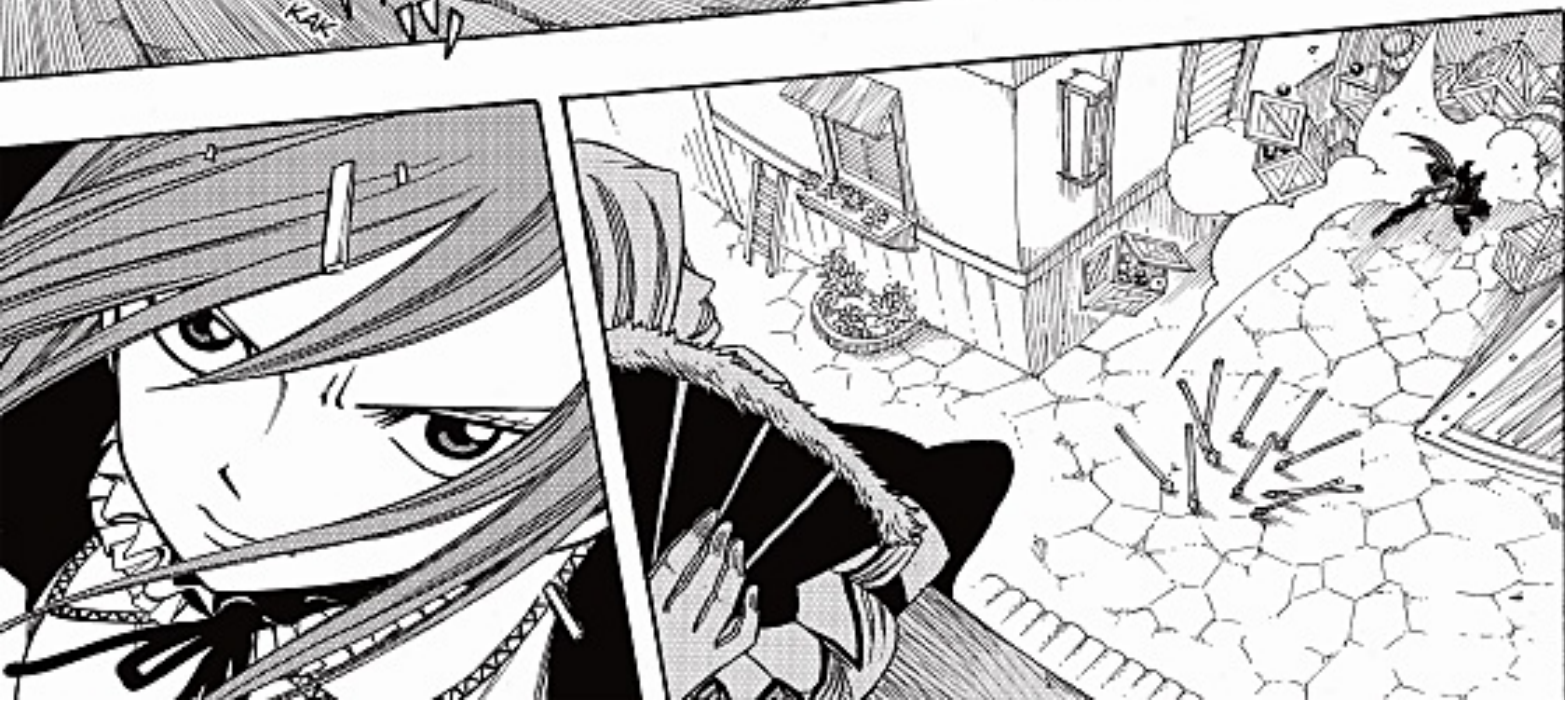
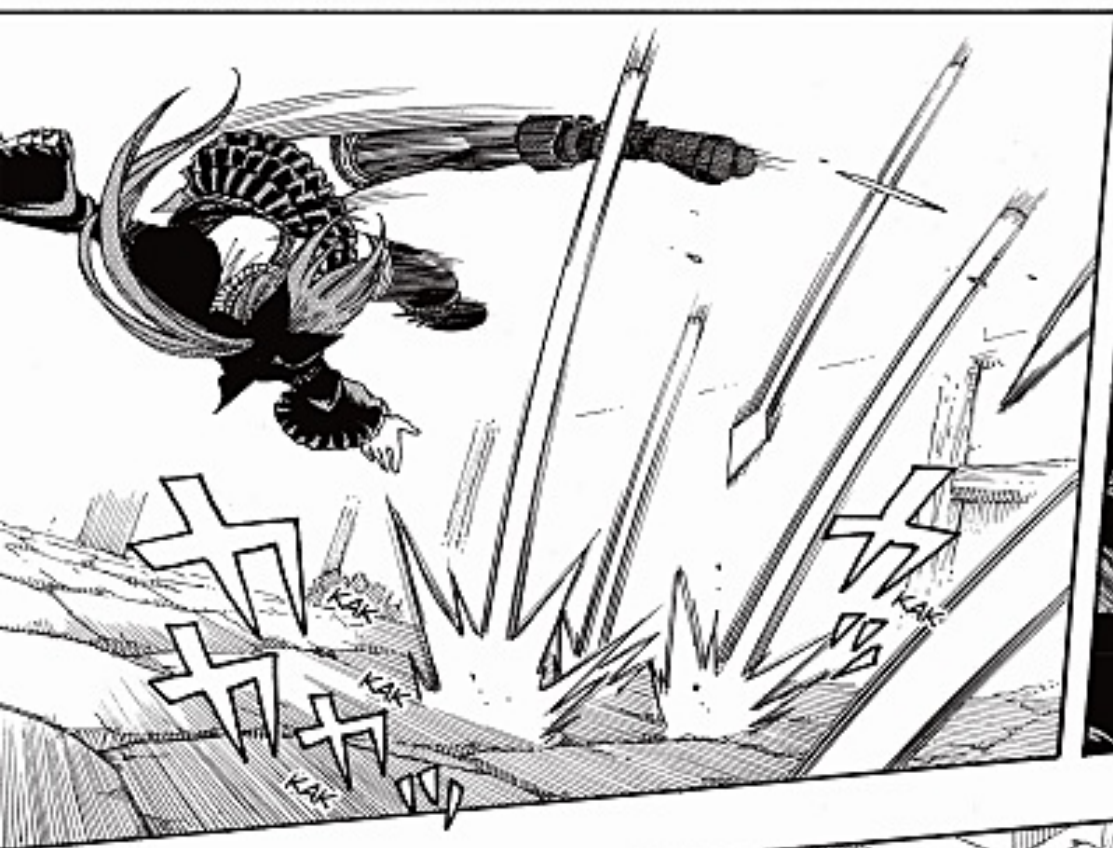
Central
Magnolia,
Kardia
Cathedral
...



...it means
that the
three top
wizards of
Fairy Tail are
all there, in-
cluding me,
of course.

With Erza
back in action
and Mystogan
joining the
fray...







I thought
you'd still be
stone! How'd
you escape?

Not that it
matters.

It just
means that
I get to
have more
fun!



Why do
you get
to be
Titania,
Queen of
the Fair-
ies?!

You
really
annoy
me!!

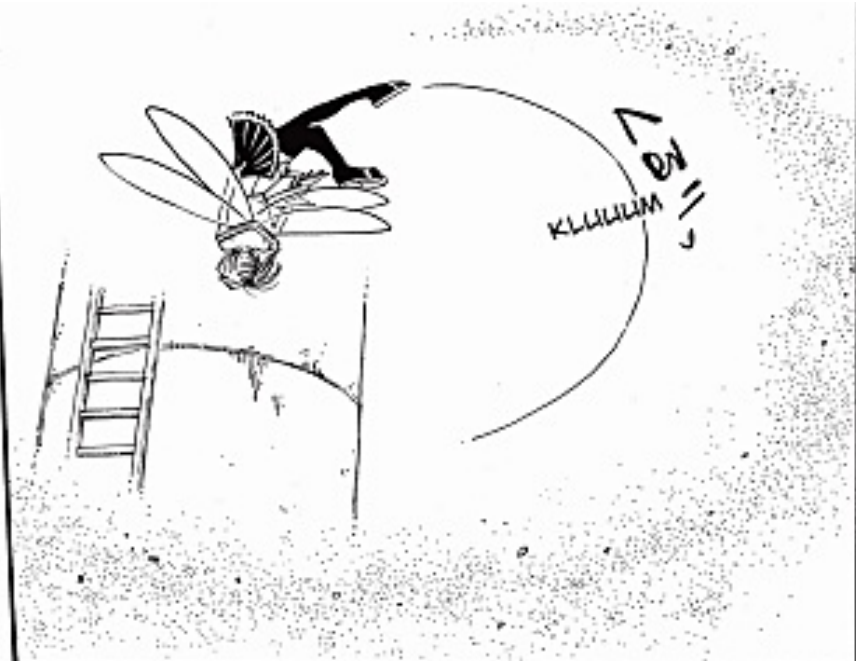


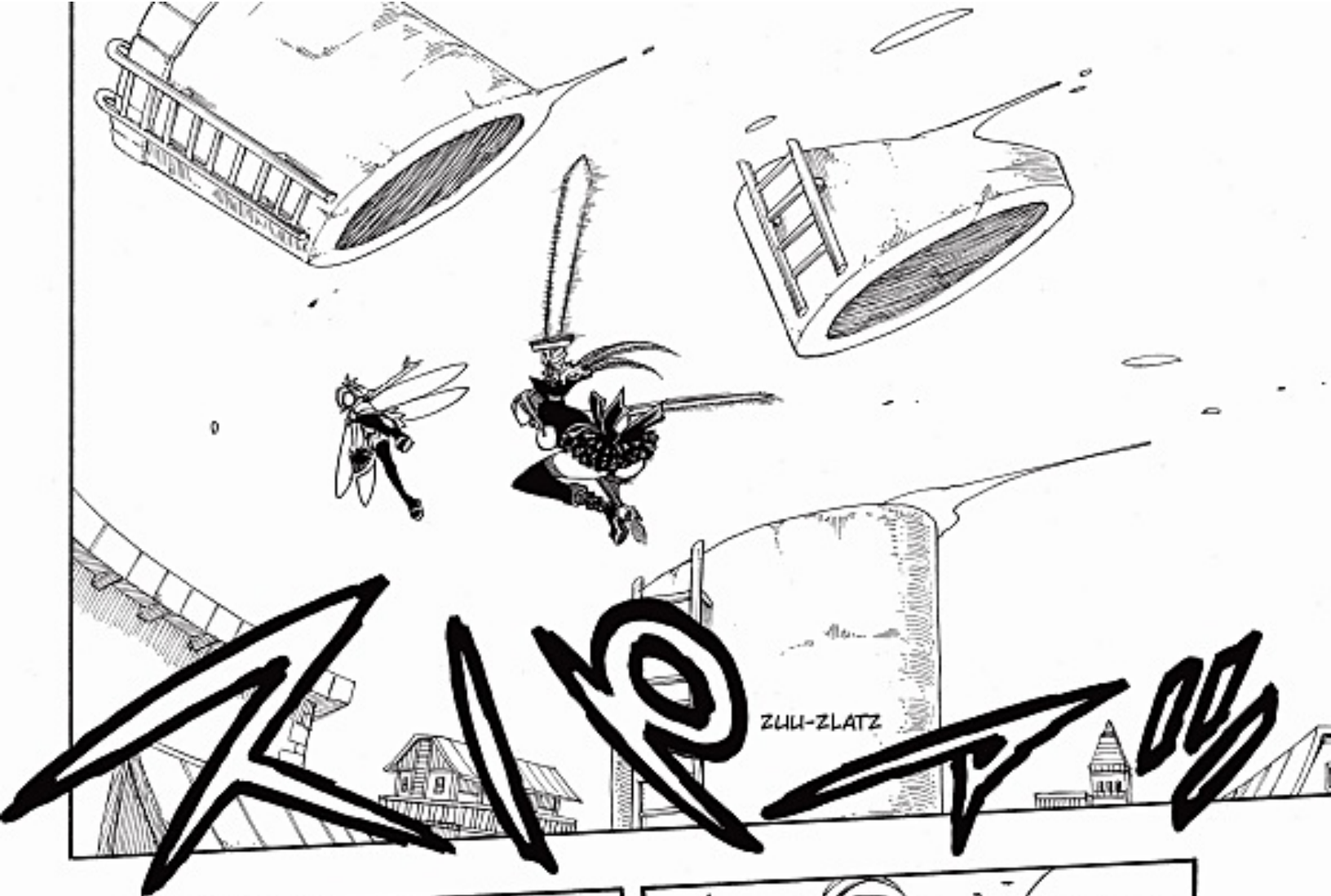
Ever-
green!



... of the
fairies in
this world
!!!

After
all, I'm
the
great-
est...





After all,
the minute
I take
you down,
everyone
returns to
normal.

But
I never
expected
you to
appear!



I'd expect
that from
you, Erza.

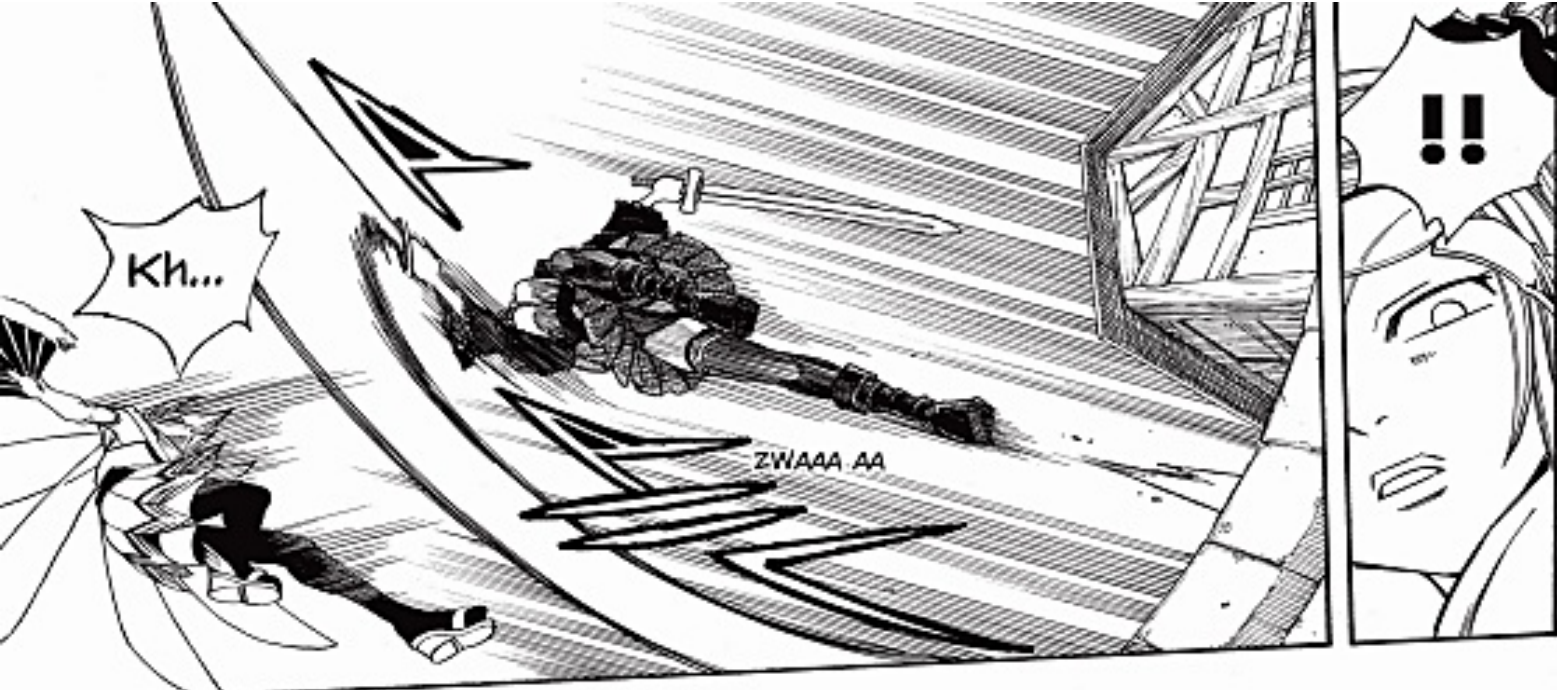


That
won't
work!!

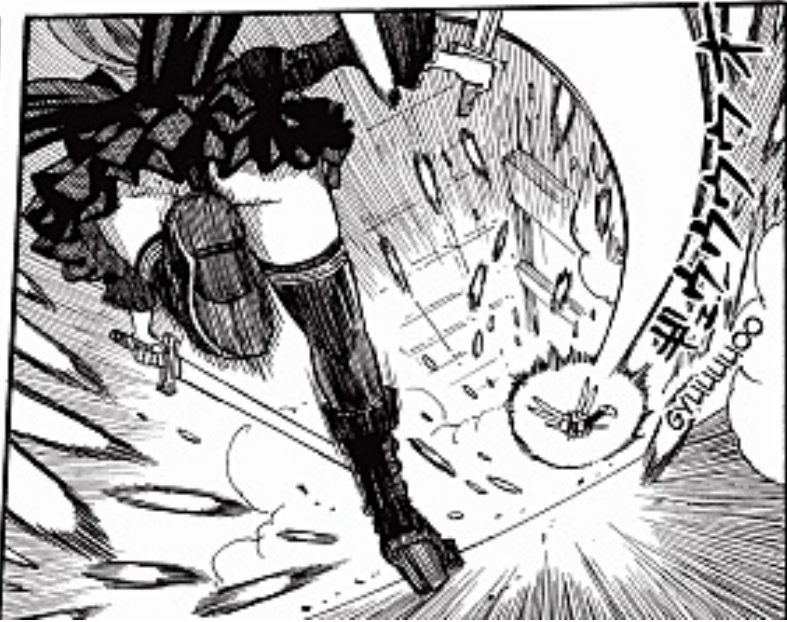


GWIP

Ah,
but *can*
you?











Ah!!

VSHT



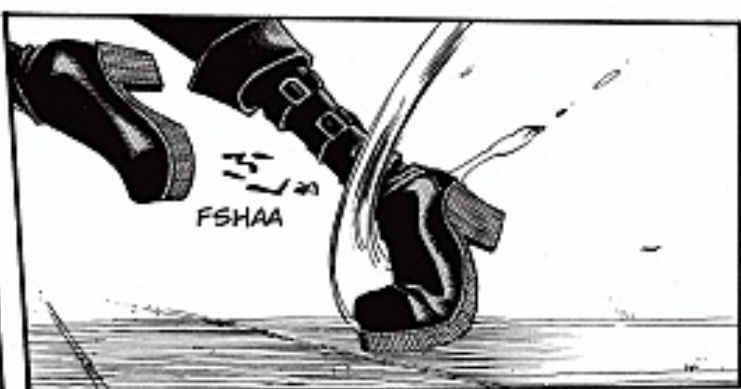
Urn!!

SLISS



Ah
ha
ha
ha!!!

Henceforth,
the name
Titania
belongs to
me!!!
I am the
perfect fairy,
after all!!!!

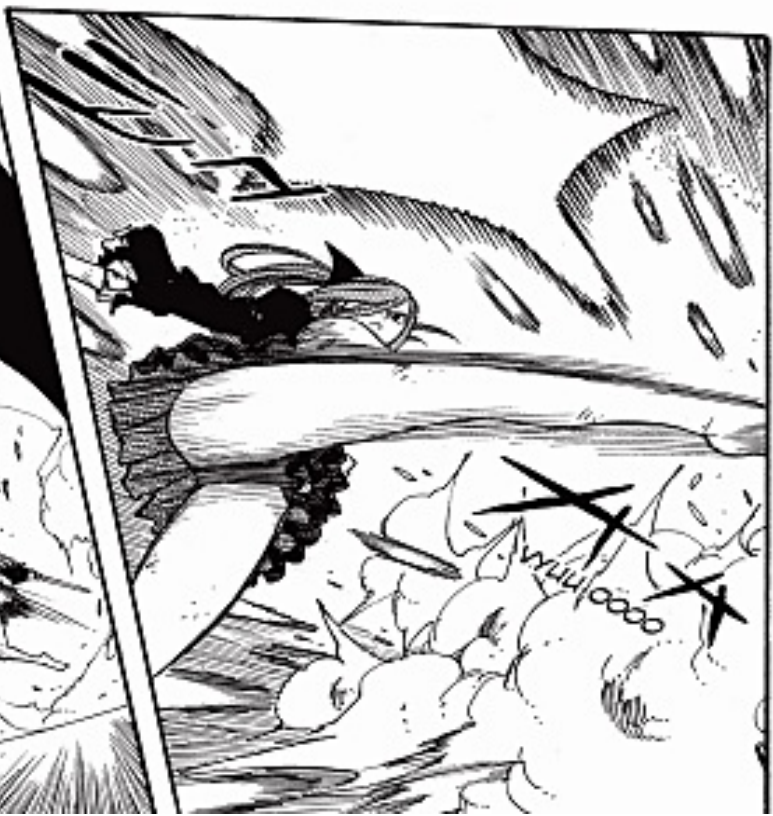


FSHAA



BWEEEE



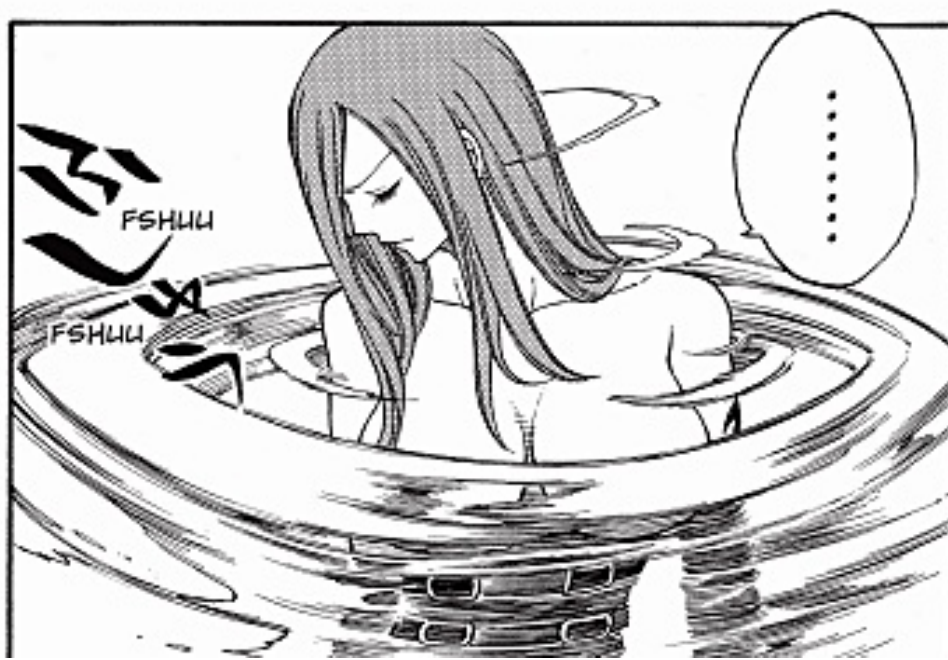
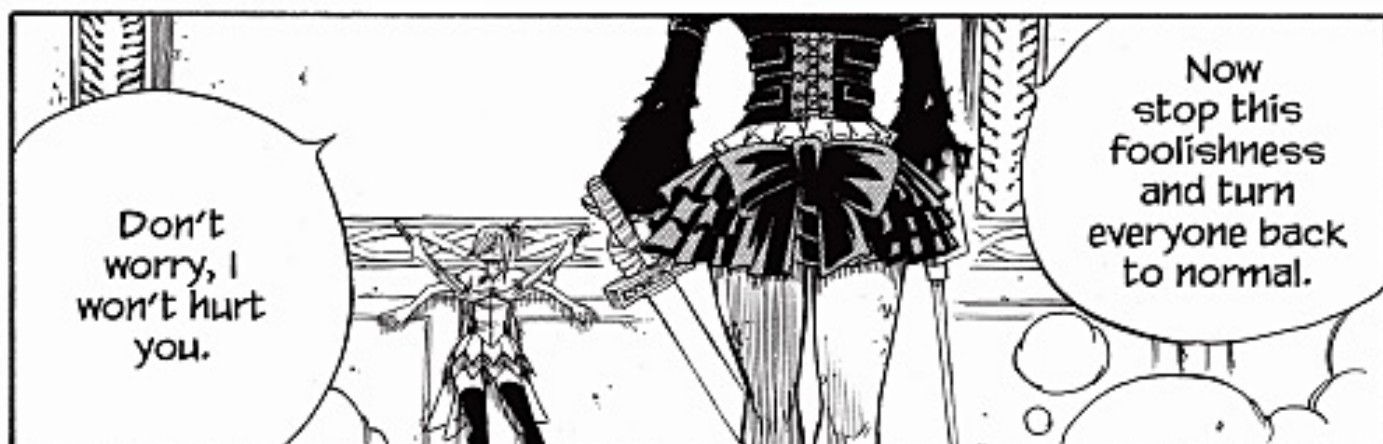


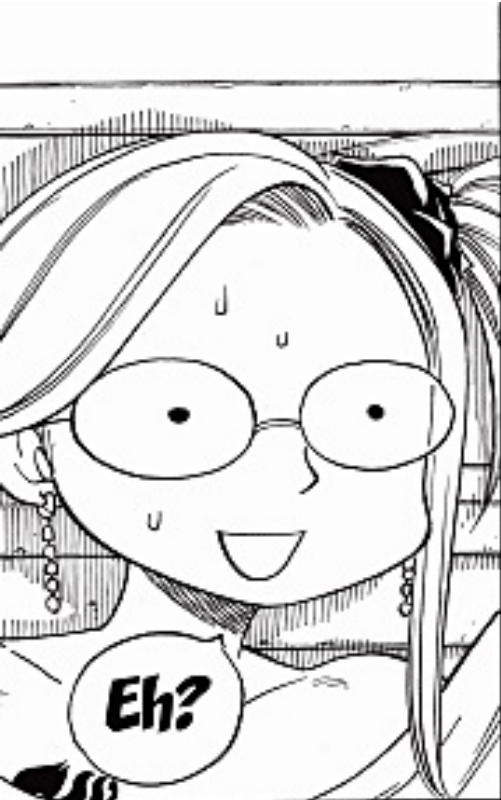


Take the name Titania if you like. I don't even remember who gave it to me in the first place.



I don't like you, but that doesn't change the fact that you are a Fairy Tail comrade.



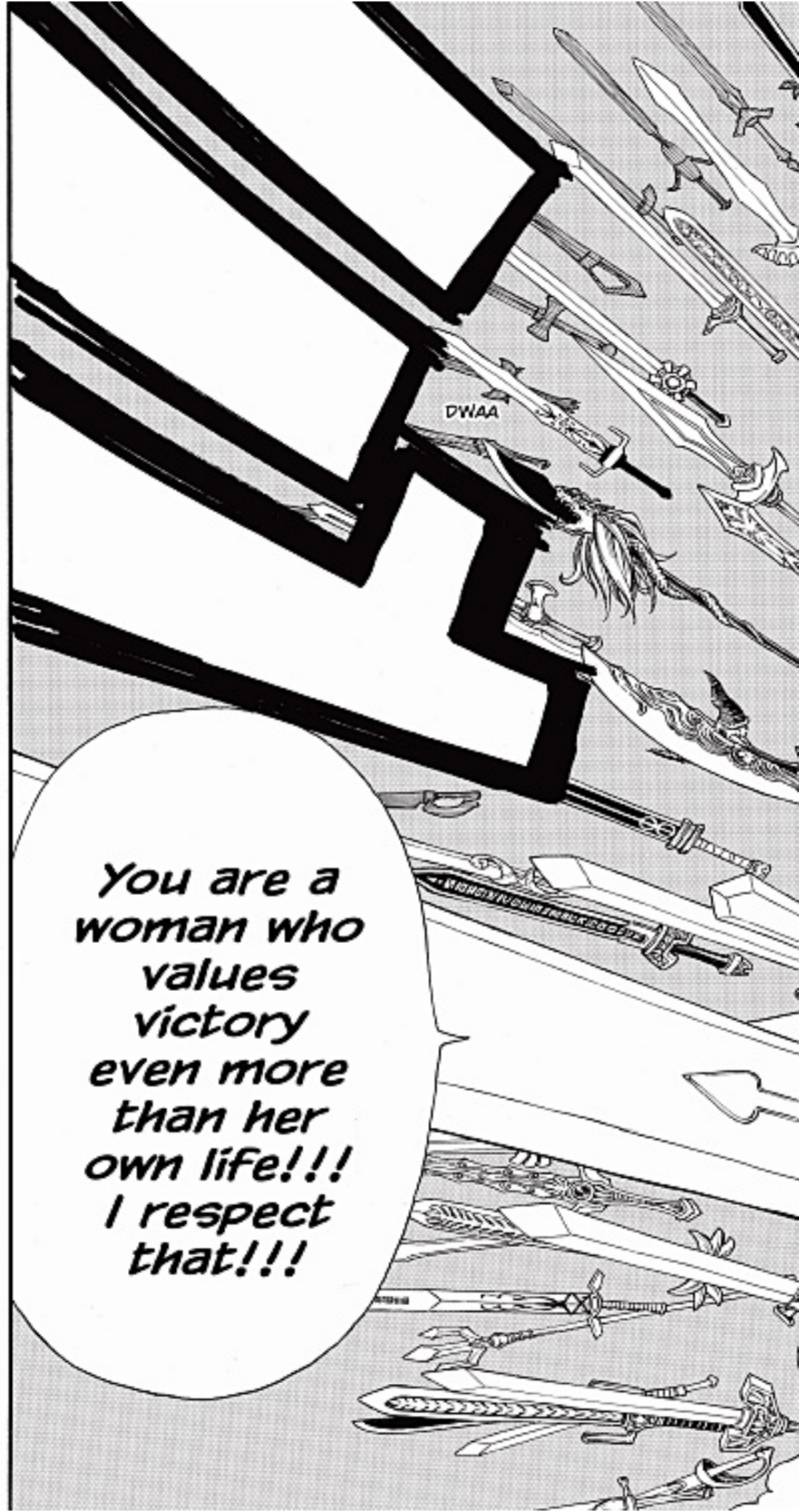


Eh?



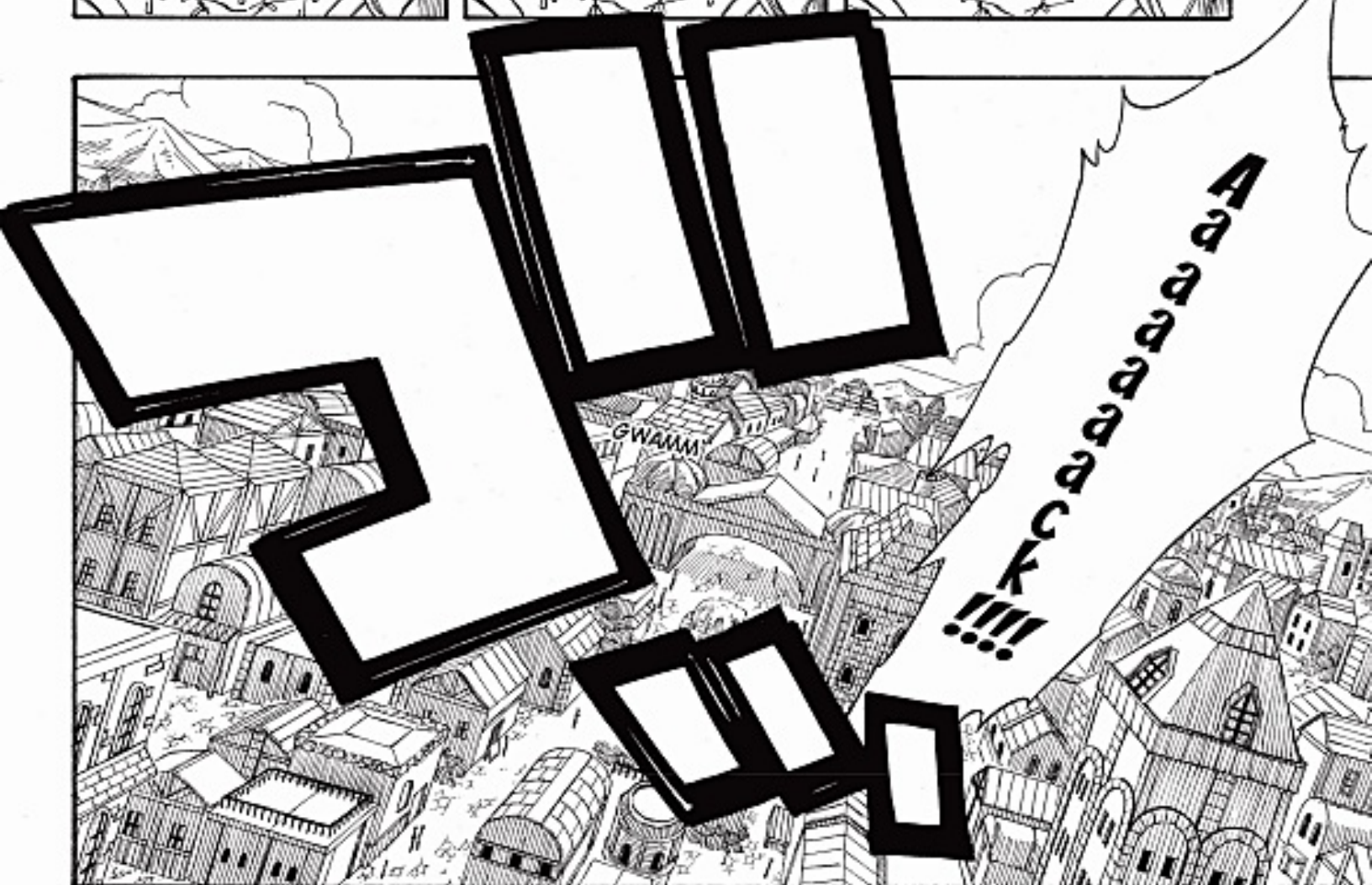
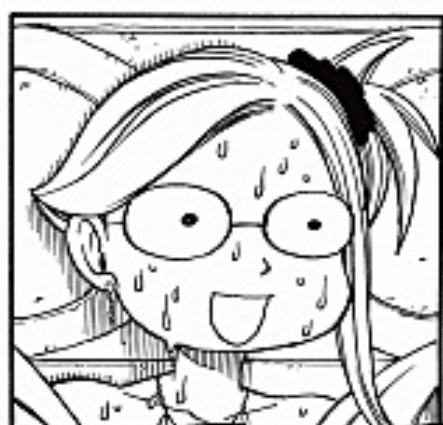
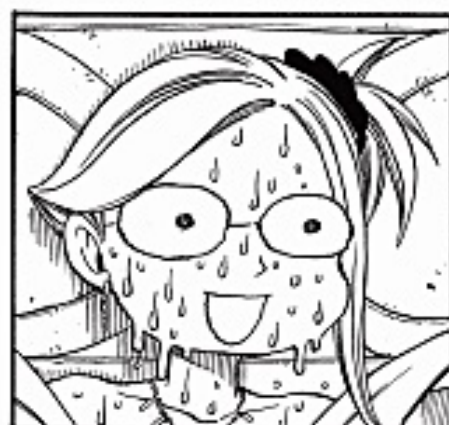
Now I will purify
the souls of
those girls you
turn to sand
by taking your
life!!!

*You are a
woman who
values
victory
even more
than her
own life!!!
I respect
that!!!*





Now
I
see!







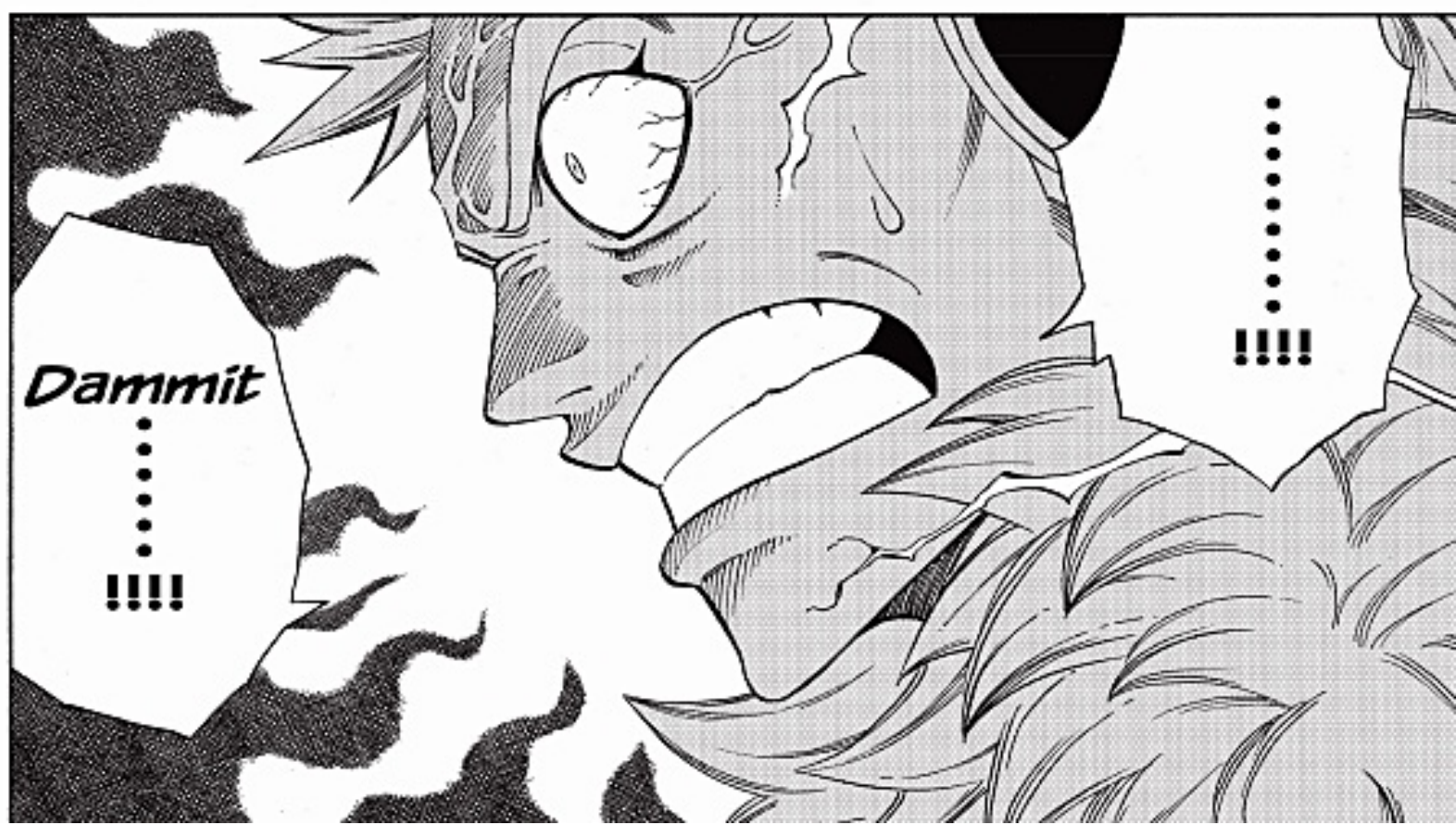
Now
all the
hostages
are freed!

What'll you
do now,
Lexus?!

Well
done,
Erza!!

Erza
vs.
Evergreen

Winner:
Erza



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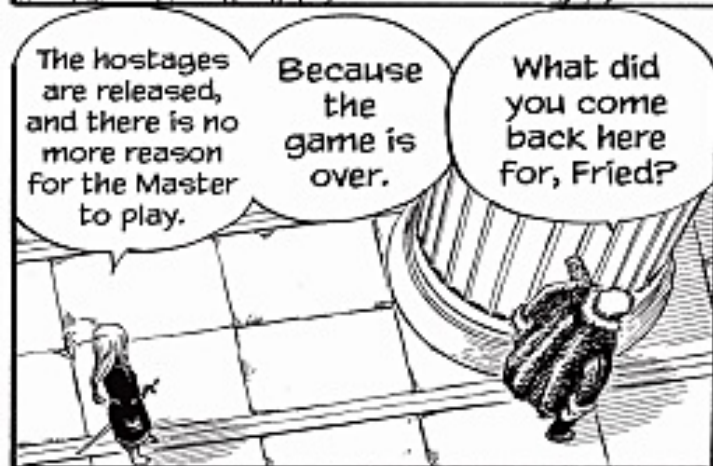


Remarks

He's a man whose appearance belies his narcissistic name. Before he entered Fairy Tail, he used to work at a sushi restaurant, and he fit the atmosphere so well that the owner begged him not to quit.

When performing his Earth Magic, he beats the ground with his sticks like a drum, thus doubling his power.

He loves the drums, and at a recent mini-concert by Mira, he couldn't hold back. He barged onto the stage and had to perform on the drum set. His dream is to one day be a producer for idol singers.

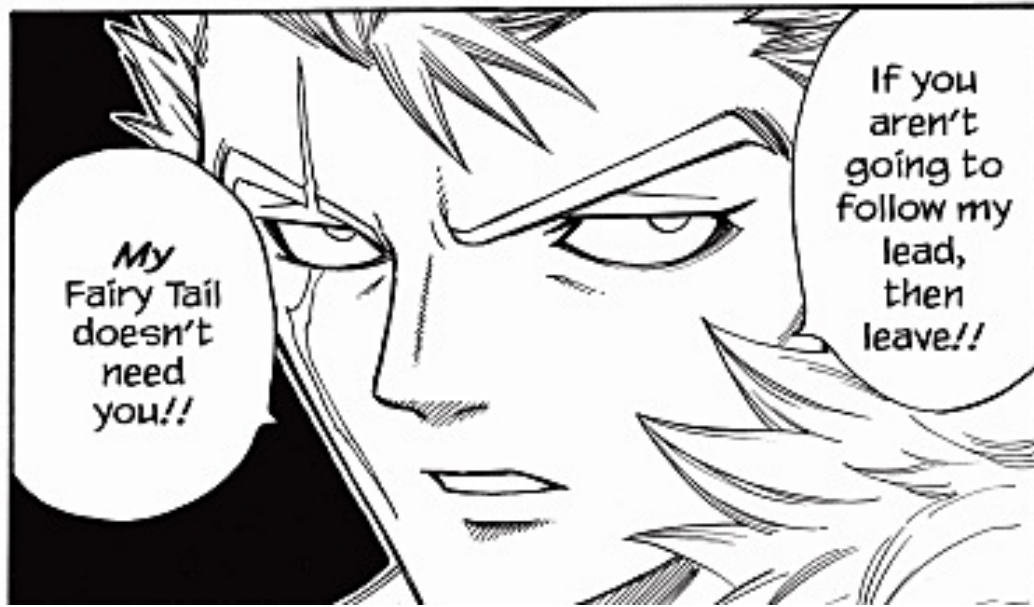




*It
isn't
over
!!!*



*Lexus
...*



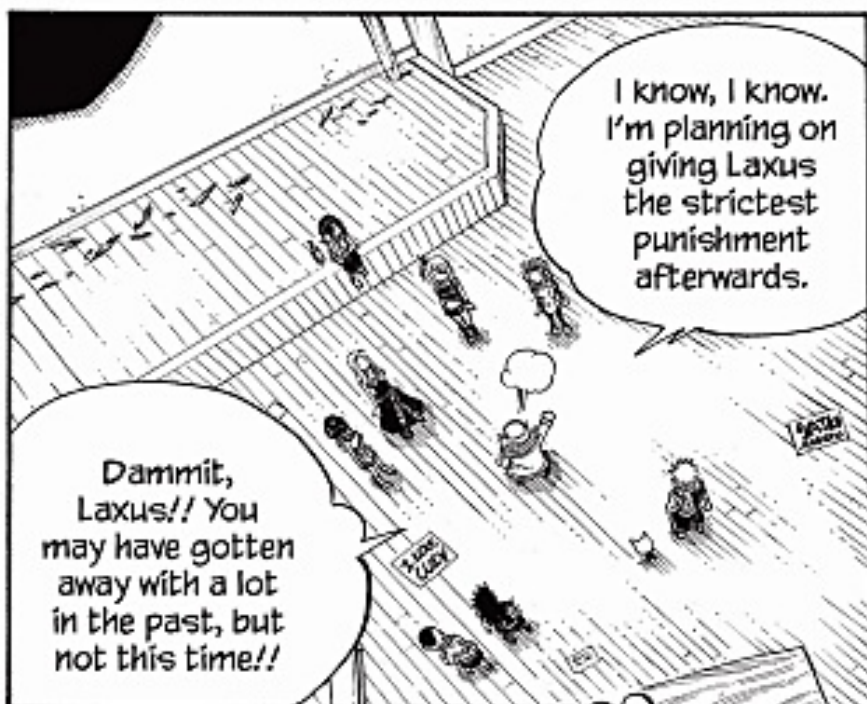
*My
Fairy Tail
doesn't
need
you!!*

*If you
aren't
going to
follow my
lead,
then
leave!!*

...But this should end it.
Now that you girls are
back to normal, I have
no intention of playing
Lexus's twisted game!

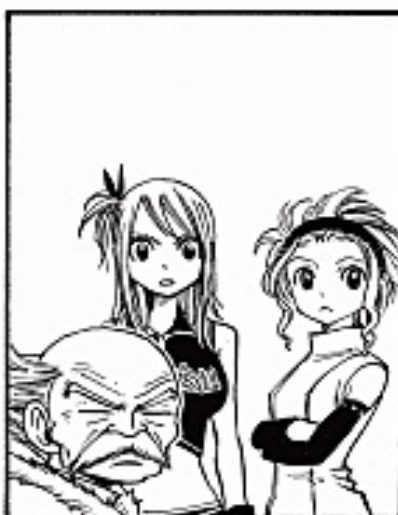
Lexus did
something
like *that*?

The
"Battle
of Fairy
Tail?"



That's right!!
If we don't
teach Lexus
a lesson, it'll
set a bad
precedent!

But...when I
think of the
people scarred
because
of Fried's
traps...



No, that's not
what we're
angry about...



But I can't
help but go
along with
Lexus's goal
of figuring
out who's the
strongest of
Fairy Tail.

YES.
YES.



I agree with you
guys that he
took the wrong
path, setting
up friends and
forcing them to
fight against
each other.

...
**old
man!**

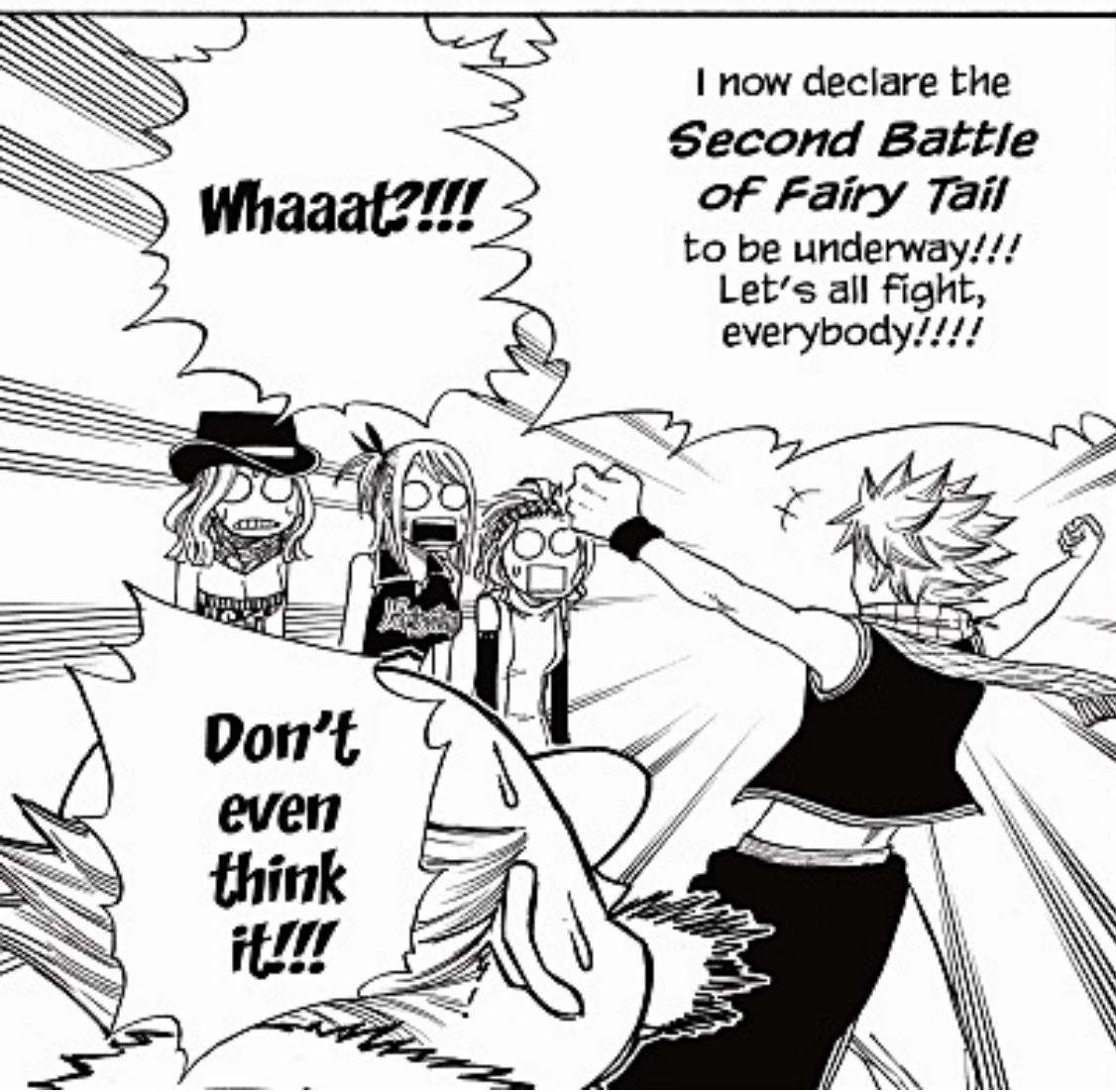


So, I
think you
shouldn't
get too
mad at
Lexus...

Whaaat?!!!

I now declare the
**Second Battle
of Fairy Tail**
to be underway!!!
Let's all fight,
everybody!!!!

**Don't
even
think
it!!!**



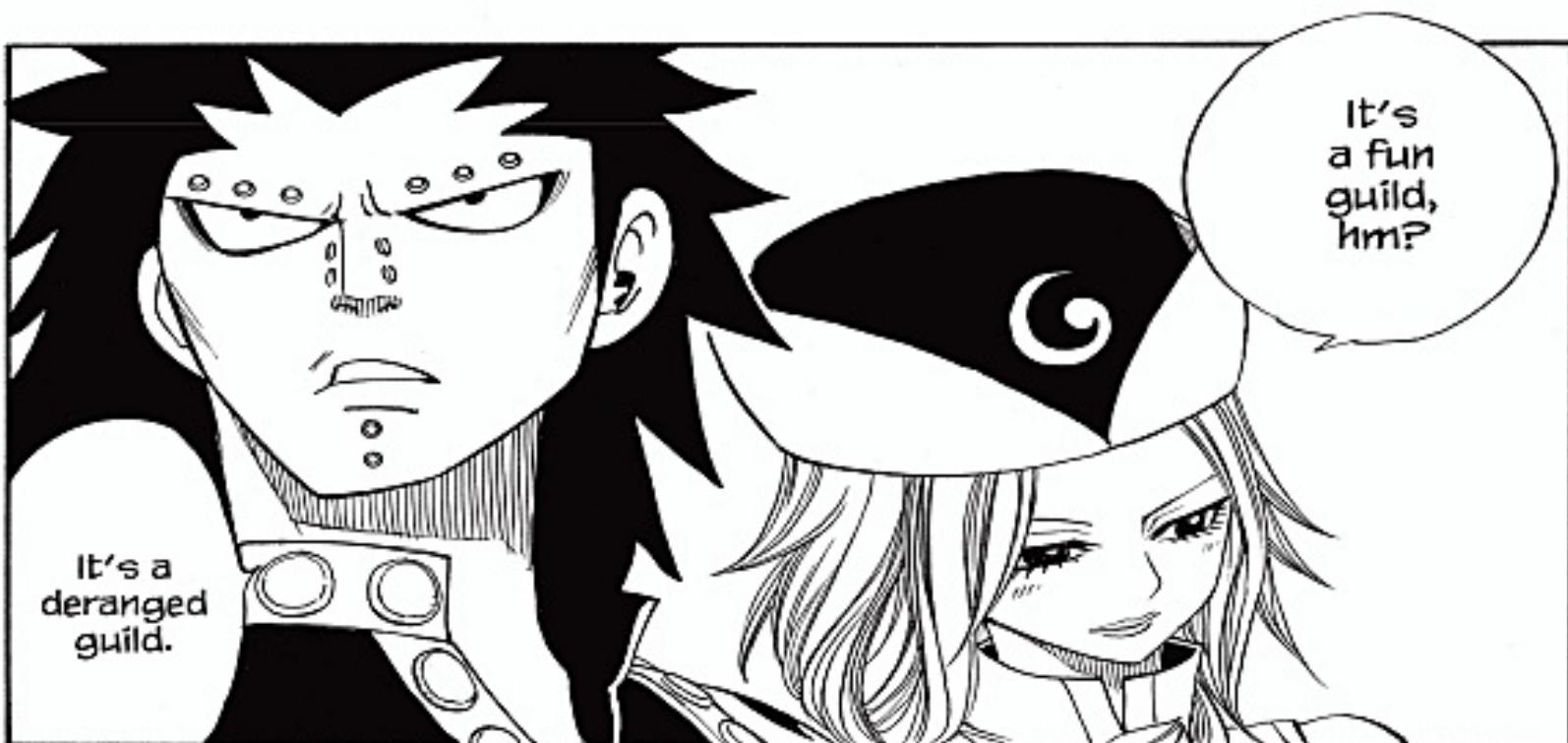
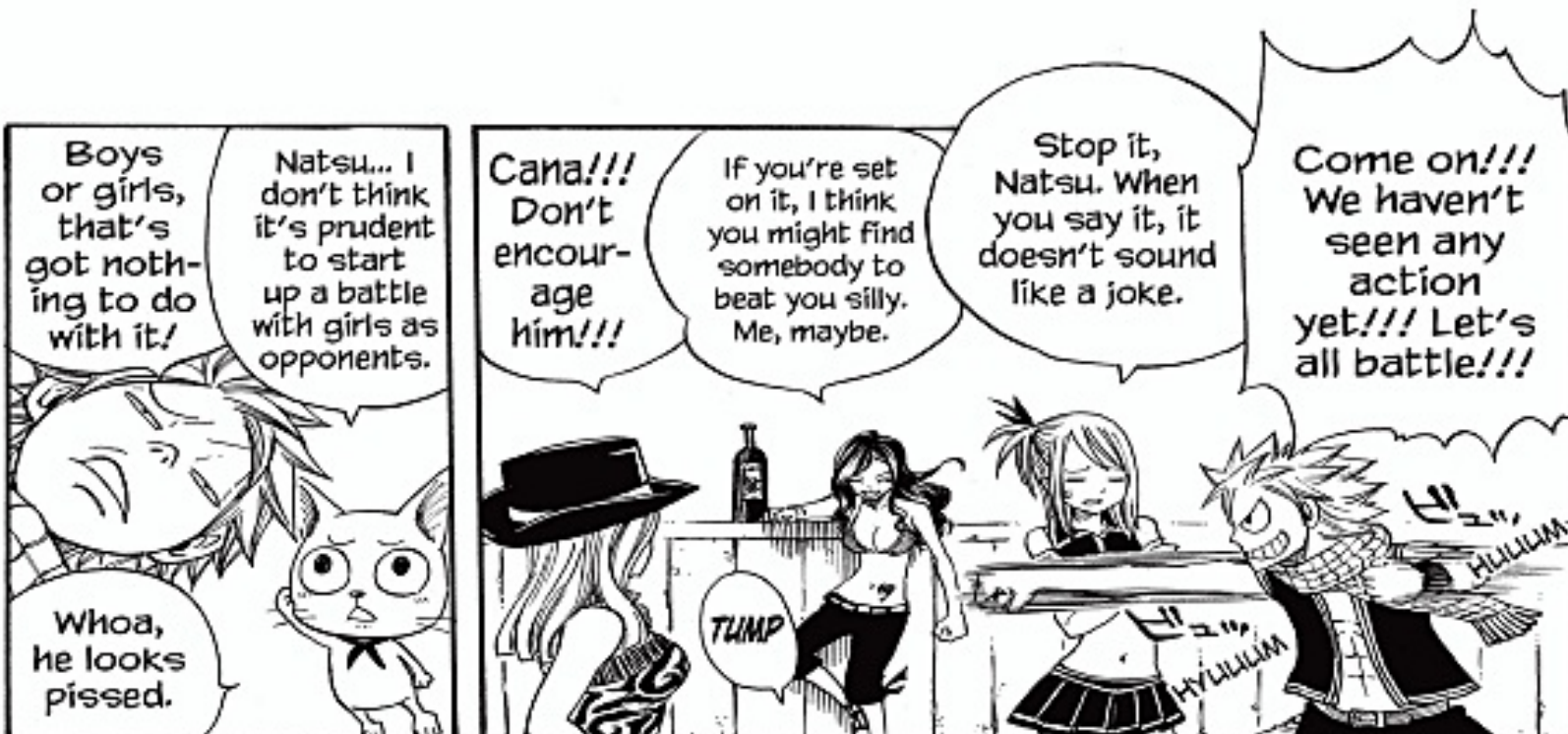
...I
didn't
know
you were
so...

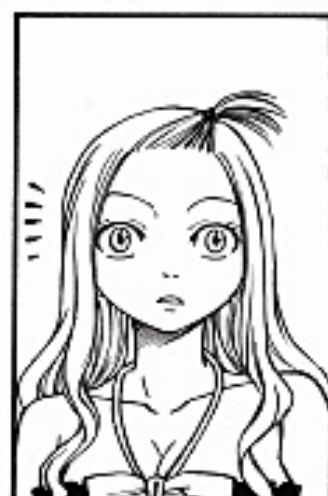
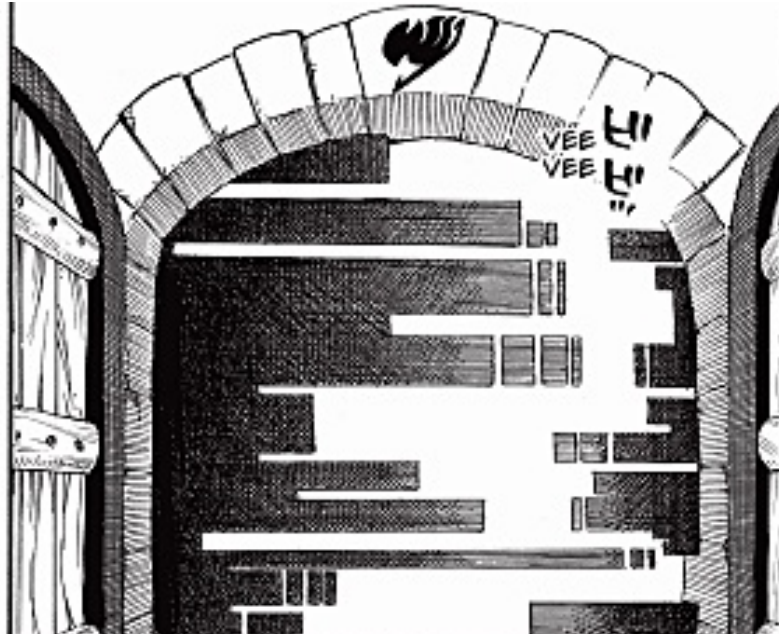


Natsu...

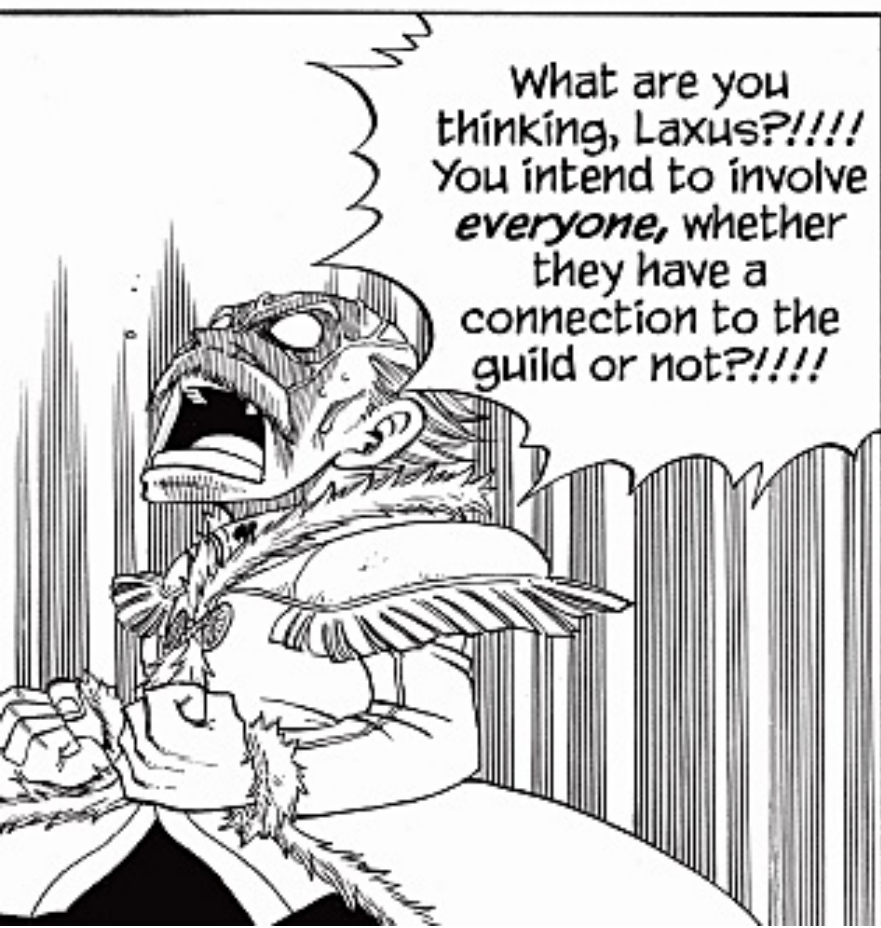
And
so...

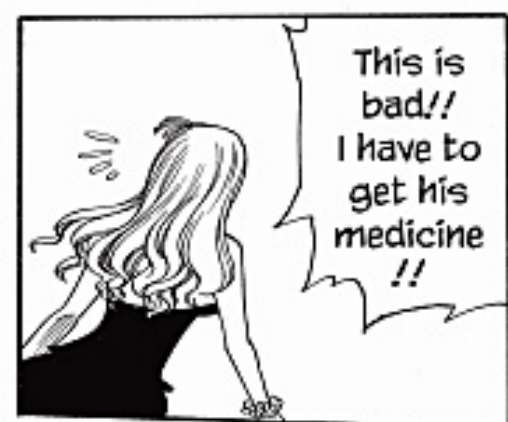


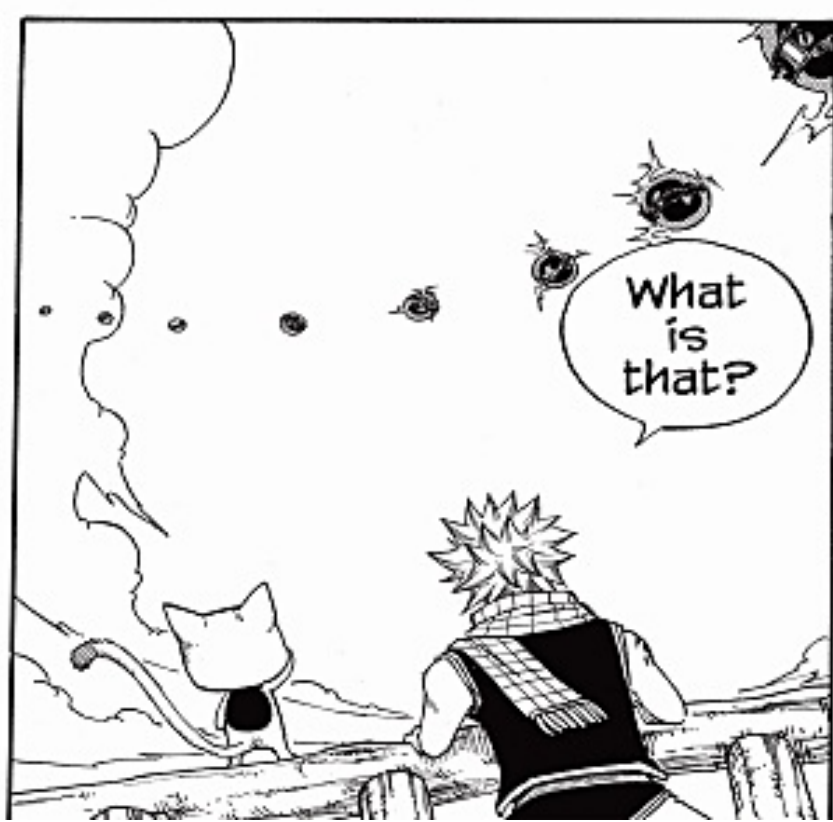
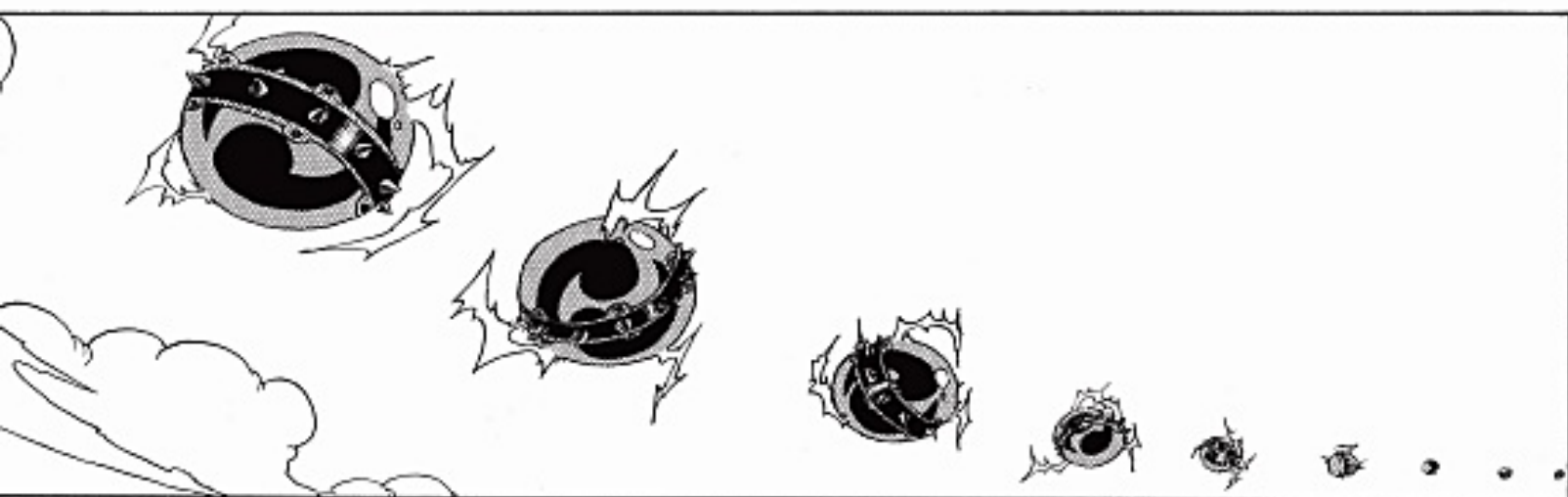
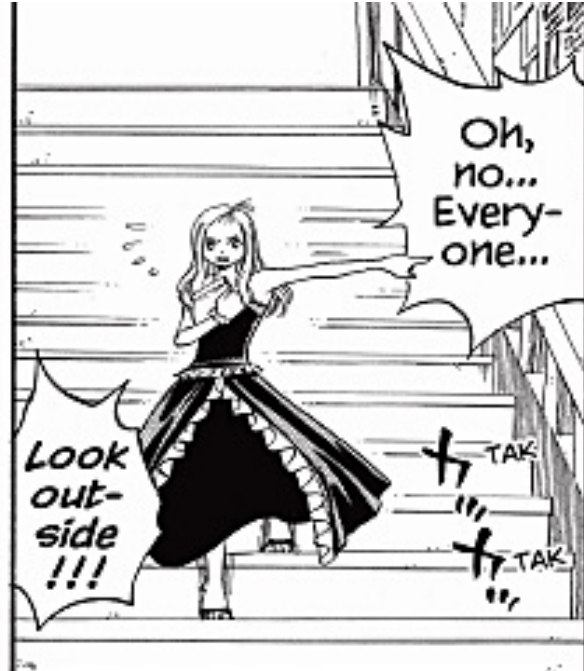
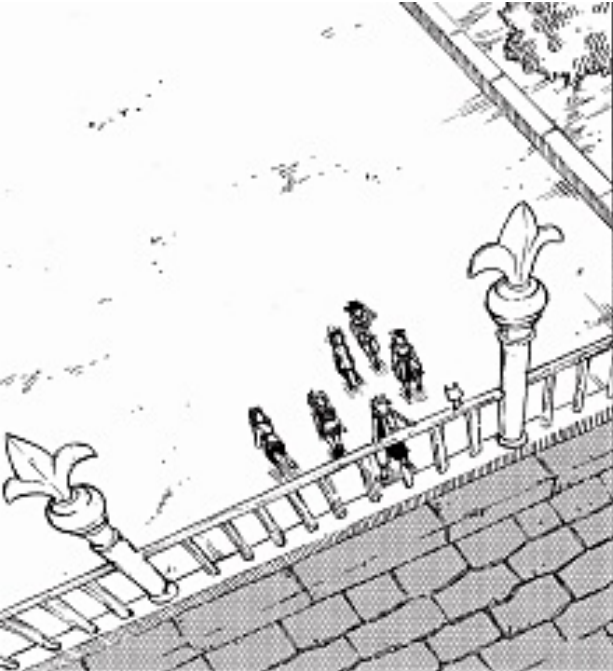


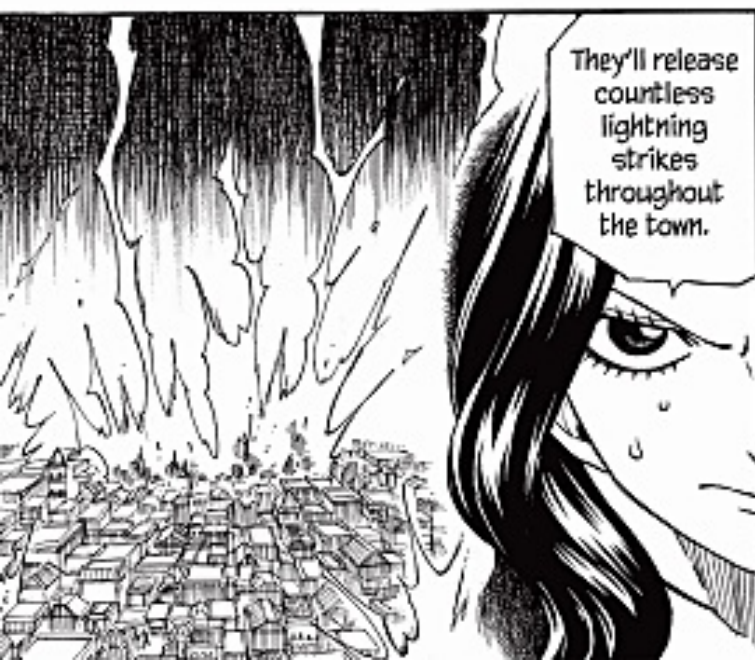
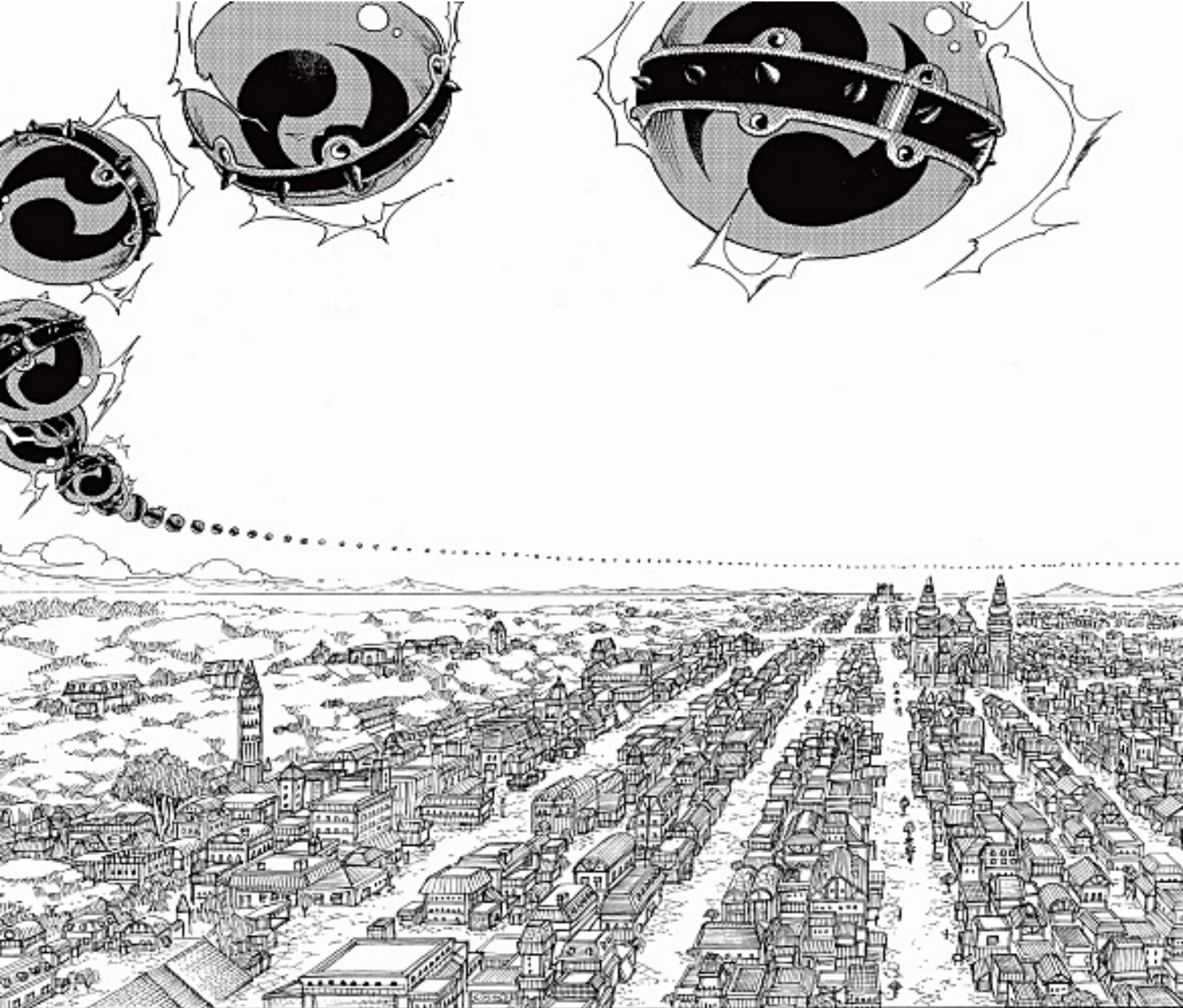












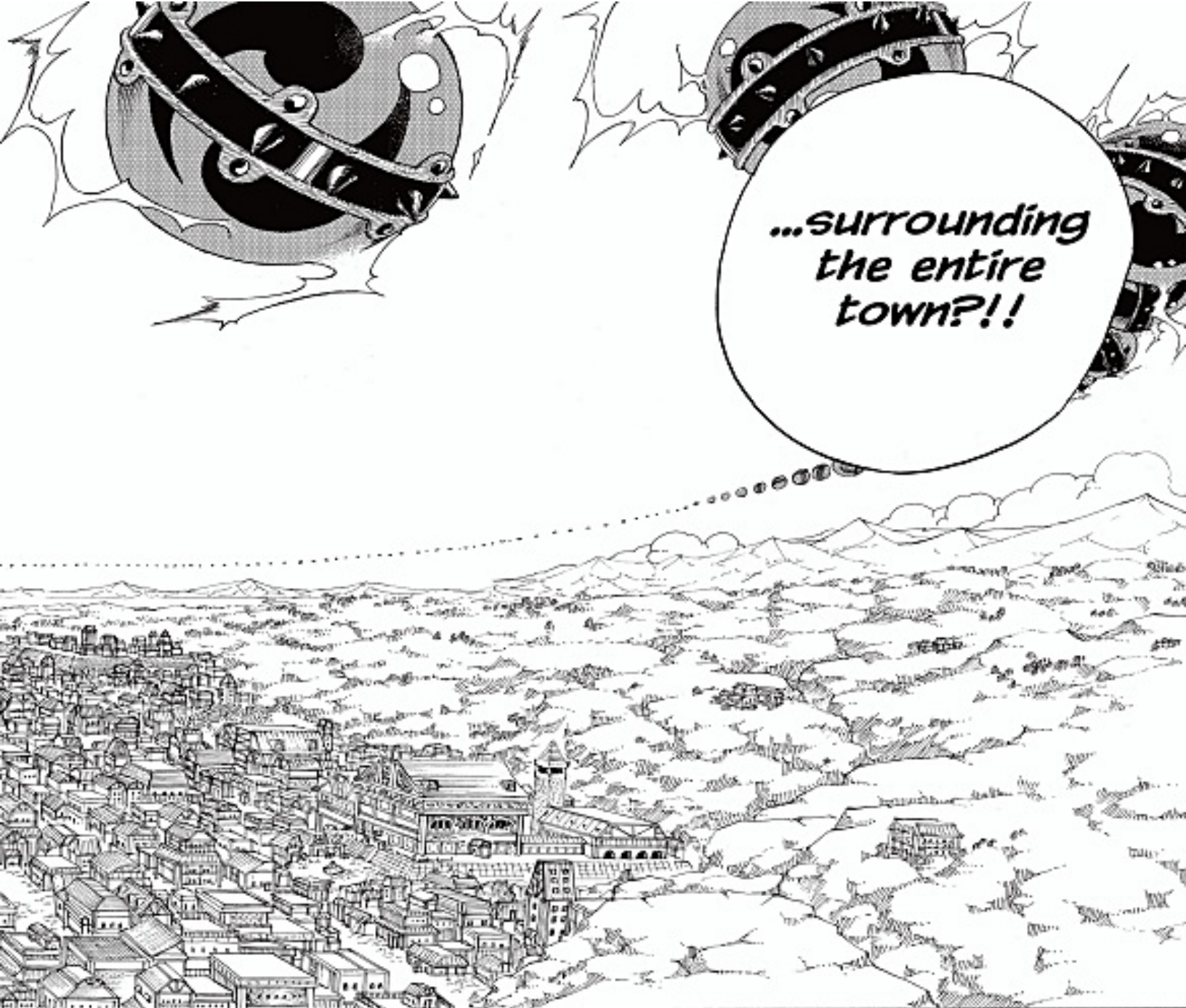
They'll release
countless
lightning
strikes
throughout
the town.

So what's
supposed
to happen
if these
things
release their
energy?

He's
aiming it at
Magnolia?

Does it
mean it
creates a
"castle of
lighting?"



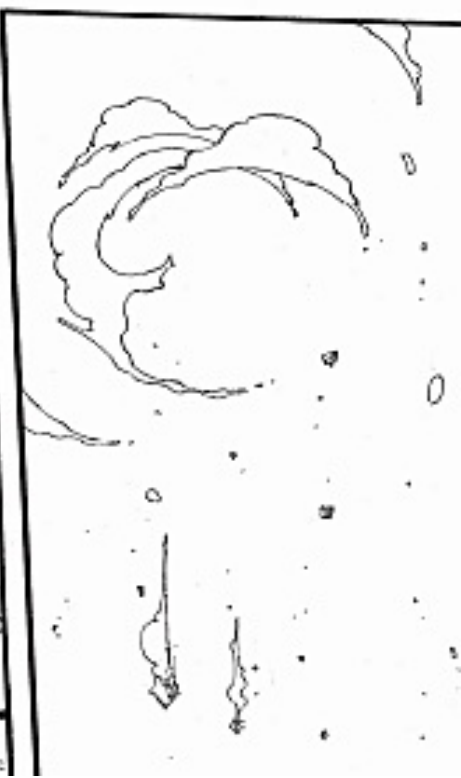
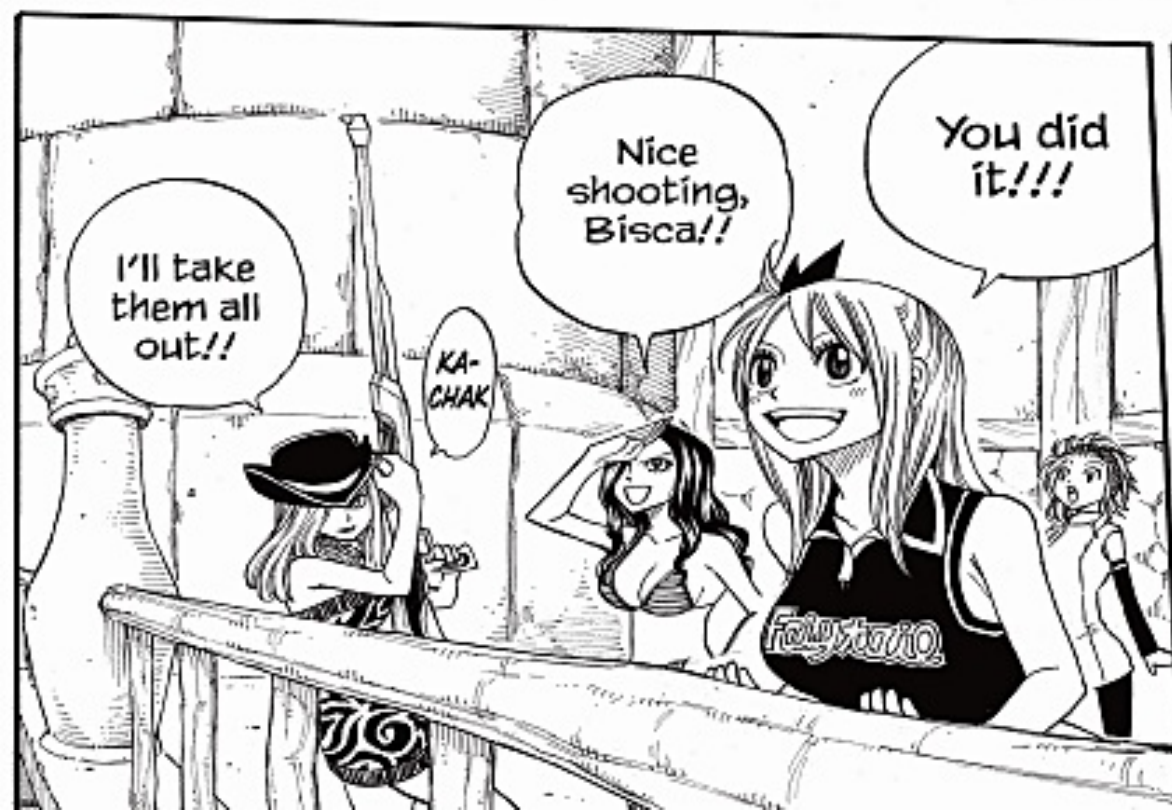
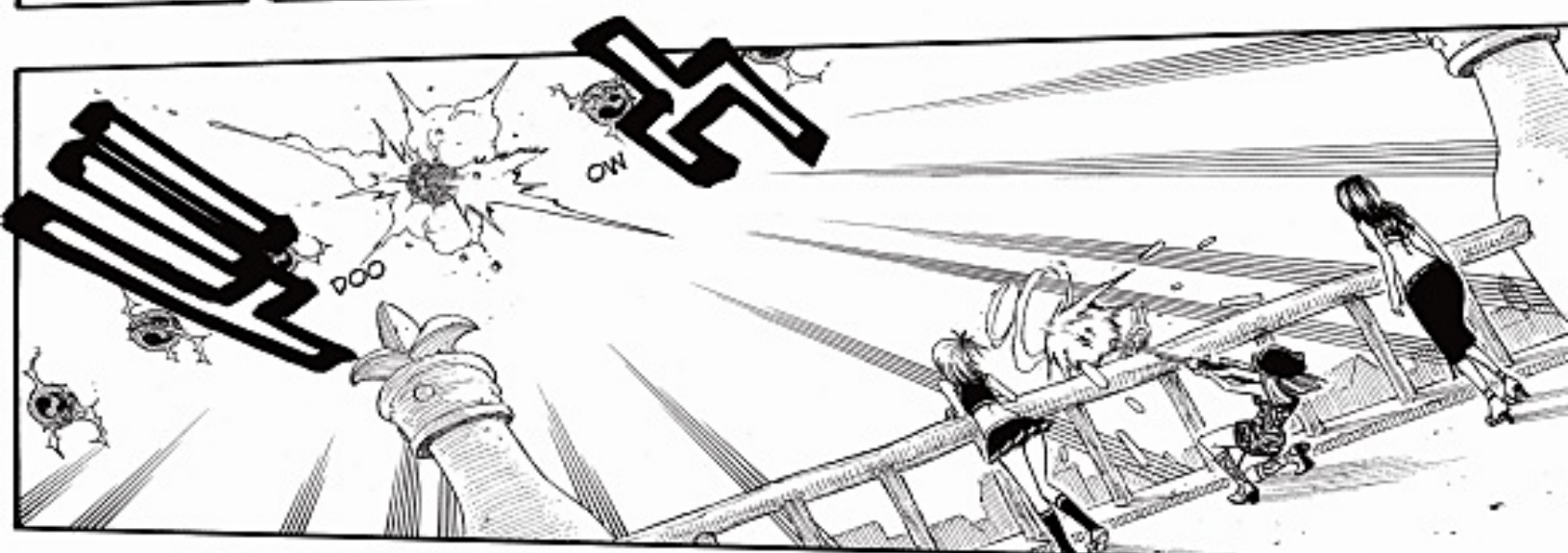


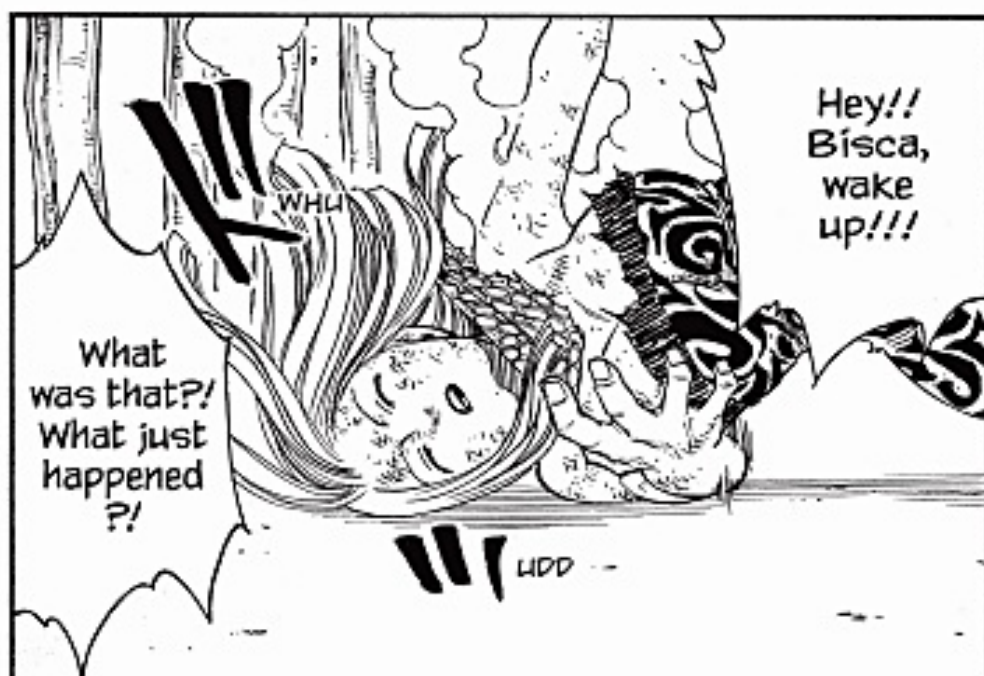
...surrounding
the entire
town?!!

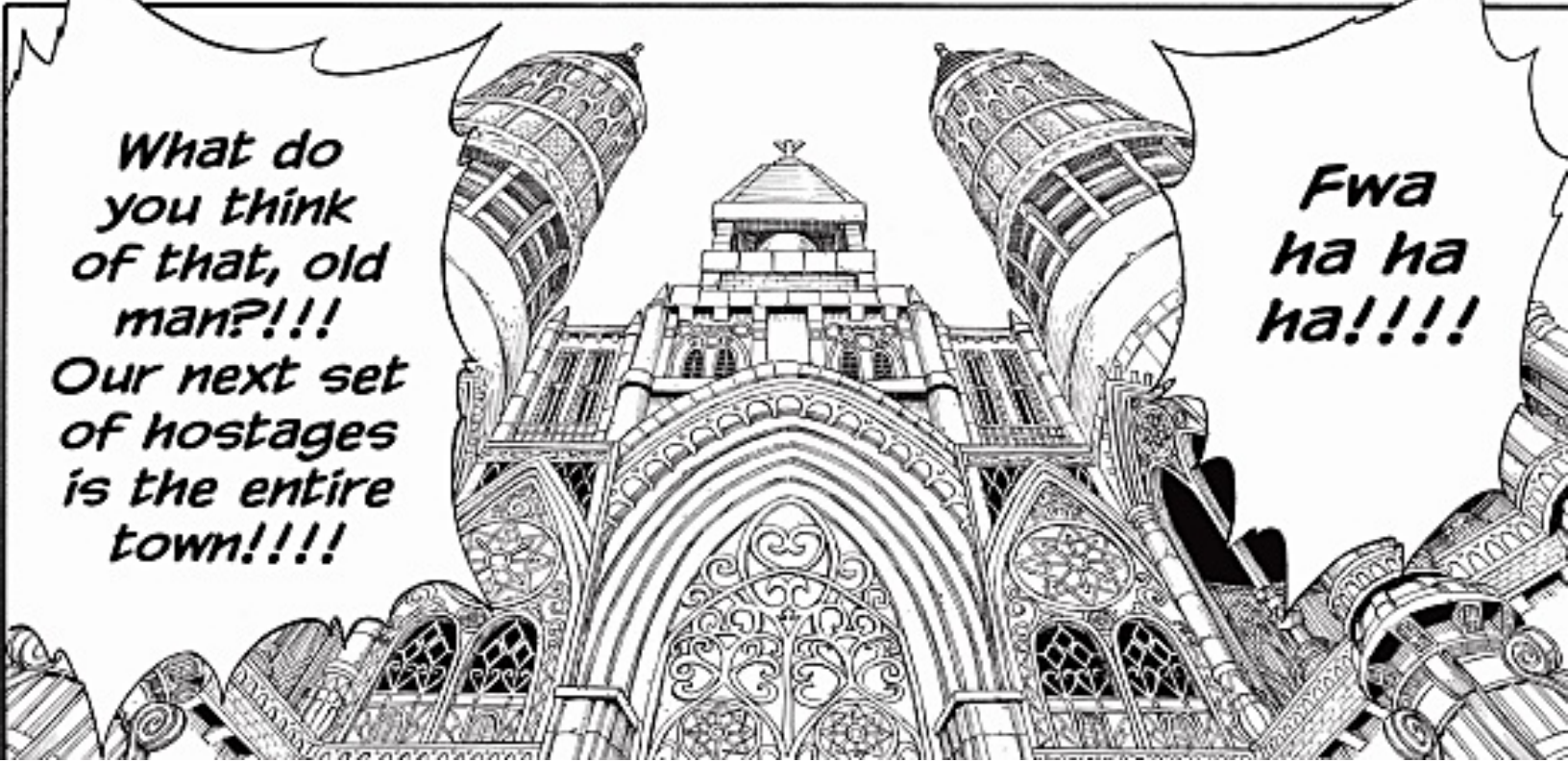
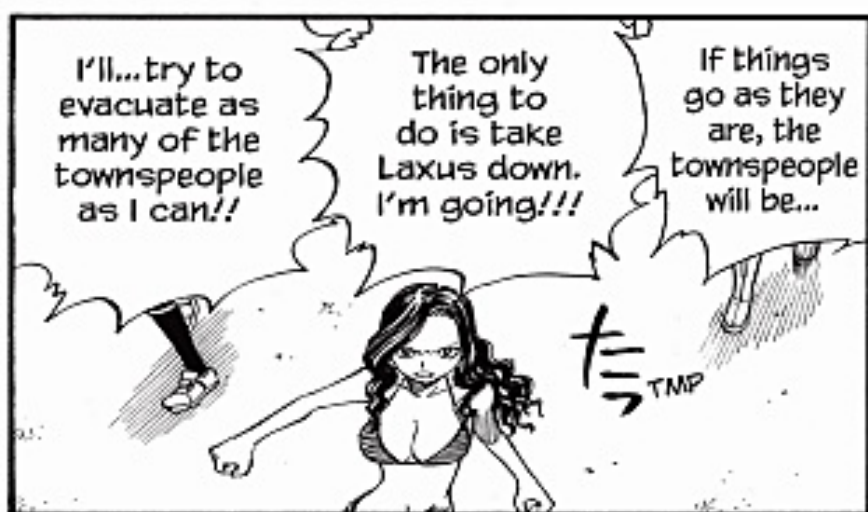
Wait,
this
"Thunder
Palace"
thing can't
be...

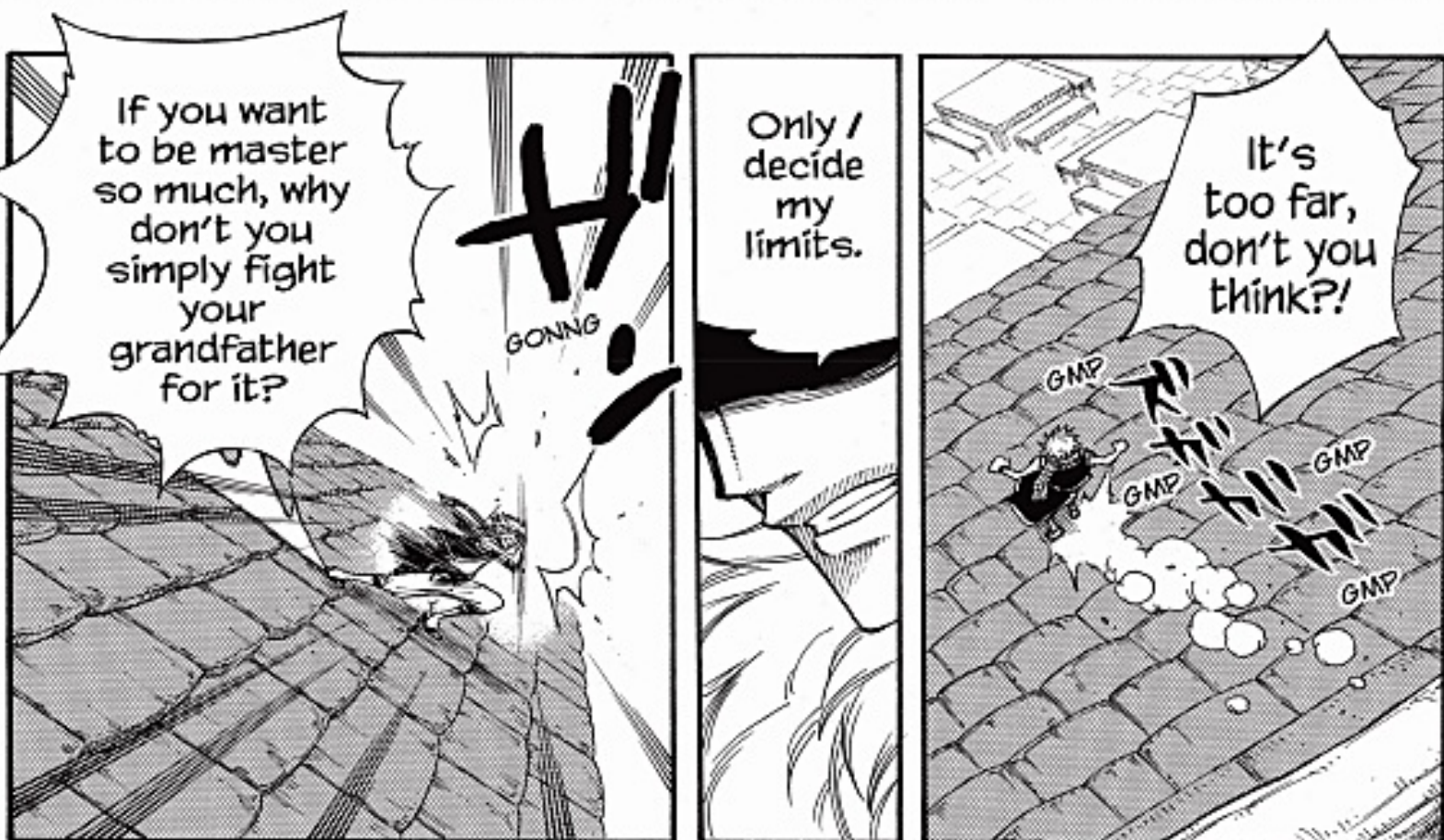
Each individual
lacríma looks
overloaded
with lightning
magic energy.













*It won't
end until
one of
us is
completely
wiped
out!!!!*

*This
is a
fight
to the
end
!!!!*



GANCH

GUNCH

*Cut
it
out,
Lexus
!!!!*

Natsu...
Calm
down!!



GRRNNN
GRRNNN
GRRNNN

Dammit!!!
What's a
stupid in-
visible wall
doing up
here?!!

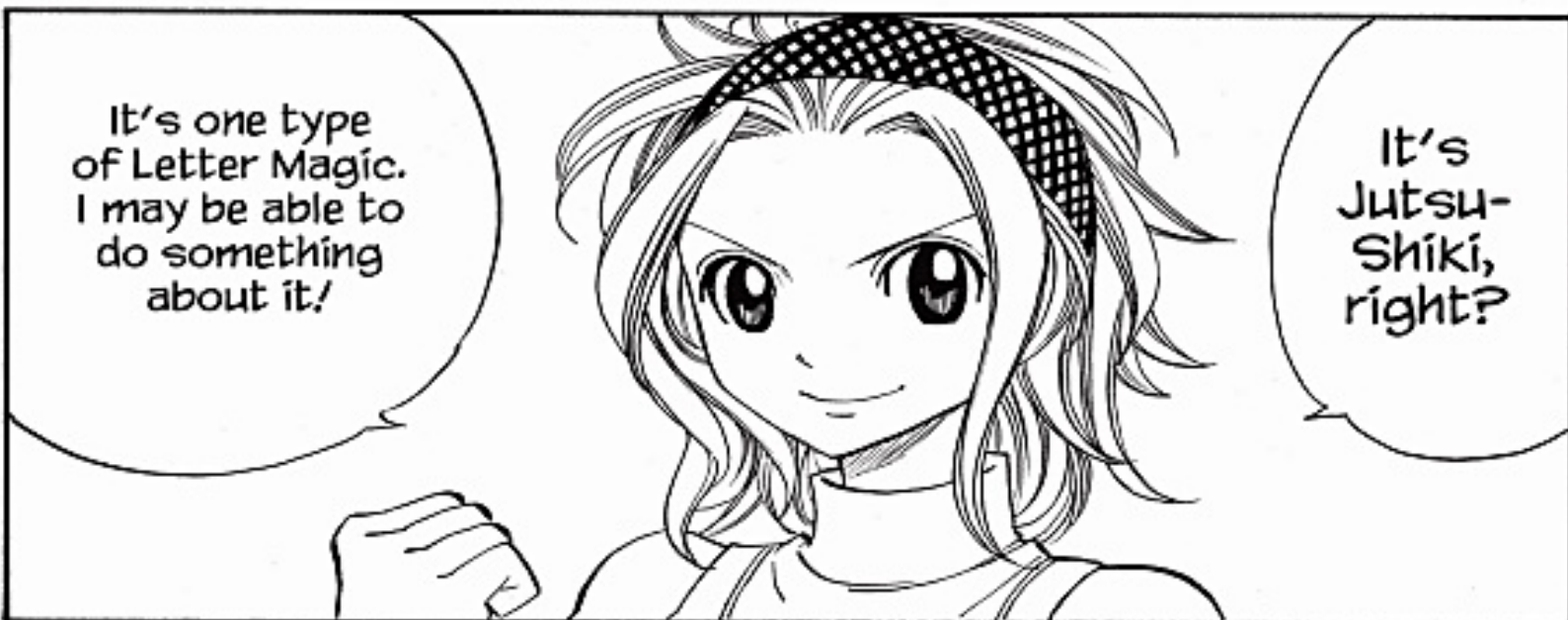
Never
mind, just
come up
here!!

Who can
be *calm*
at a
time like
this?!!



It's one type
of Letter Magic.
I may be able to
do something
about it!

It's
Jutsu-
Shiki,
right?





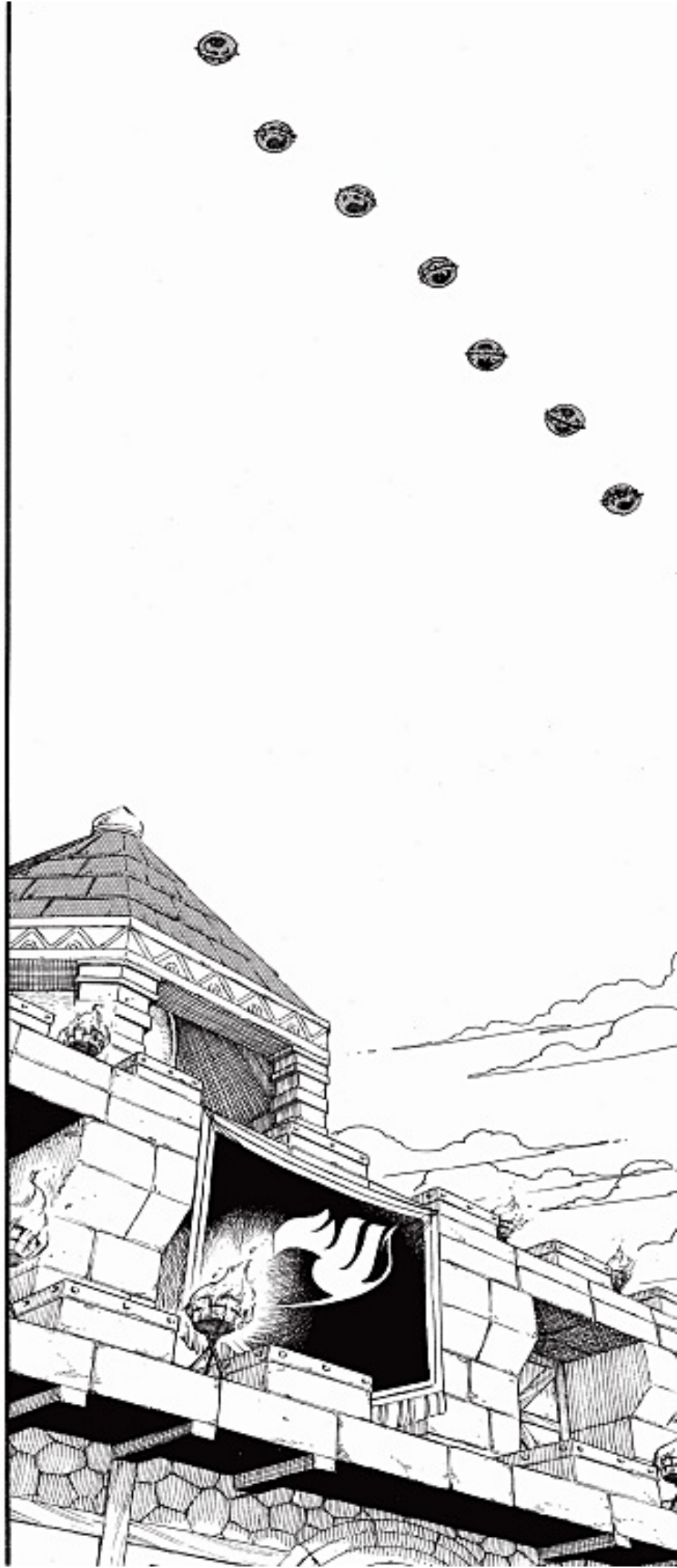
I think so...
and I know
you all can
stop Laxus
once I get
you out of
here!!!

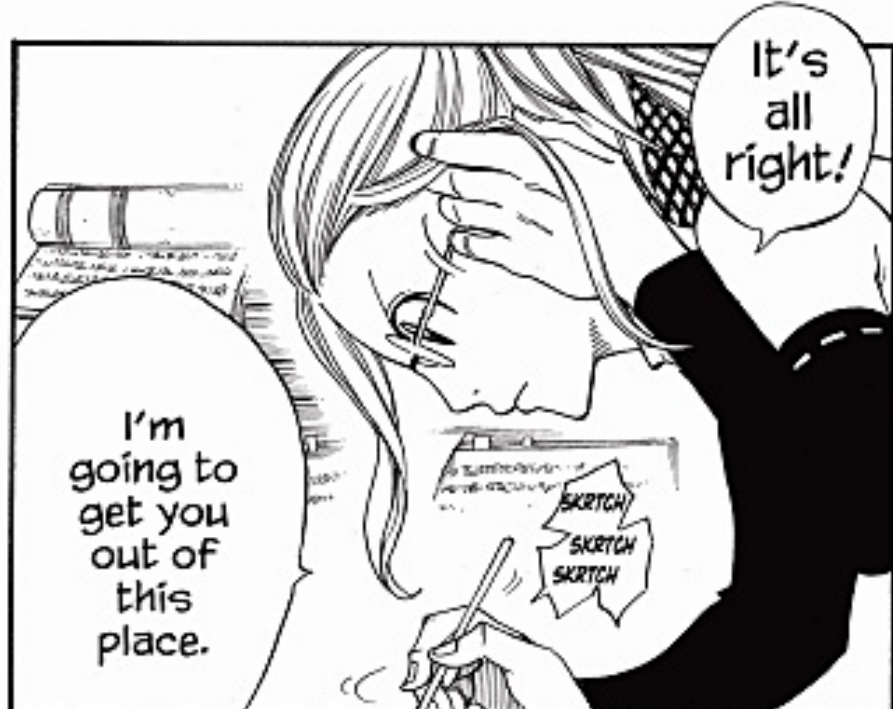
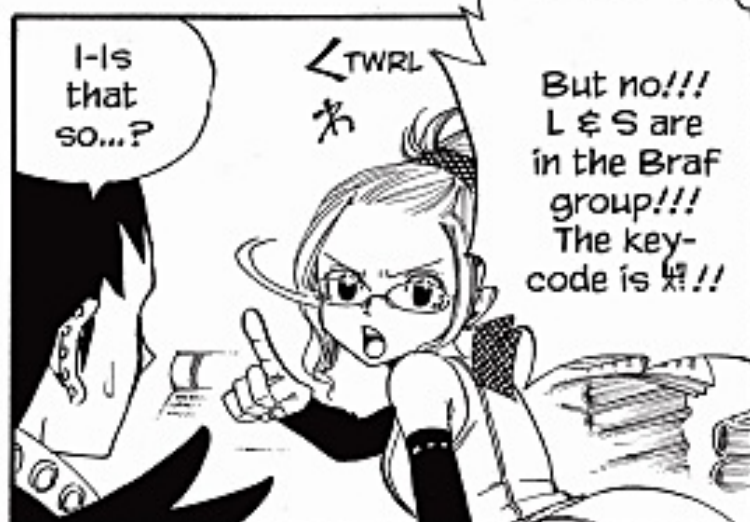
*Really,
Levy?!!*

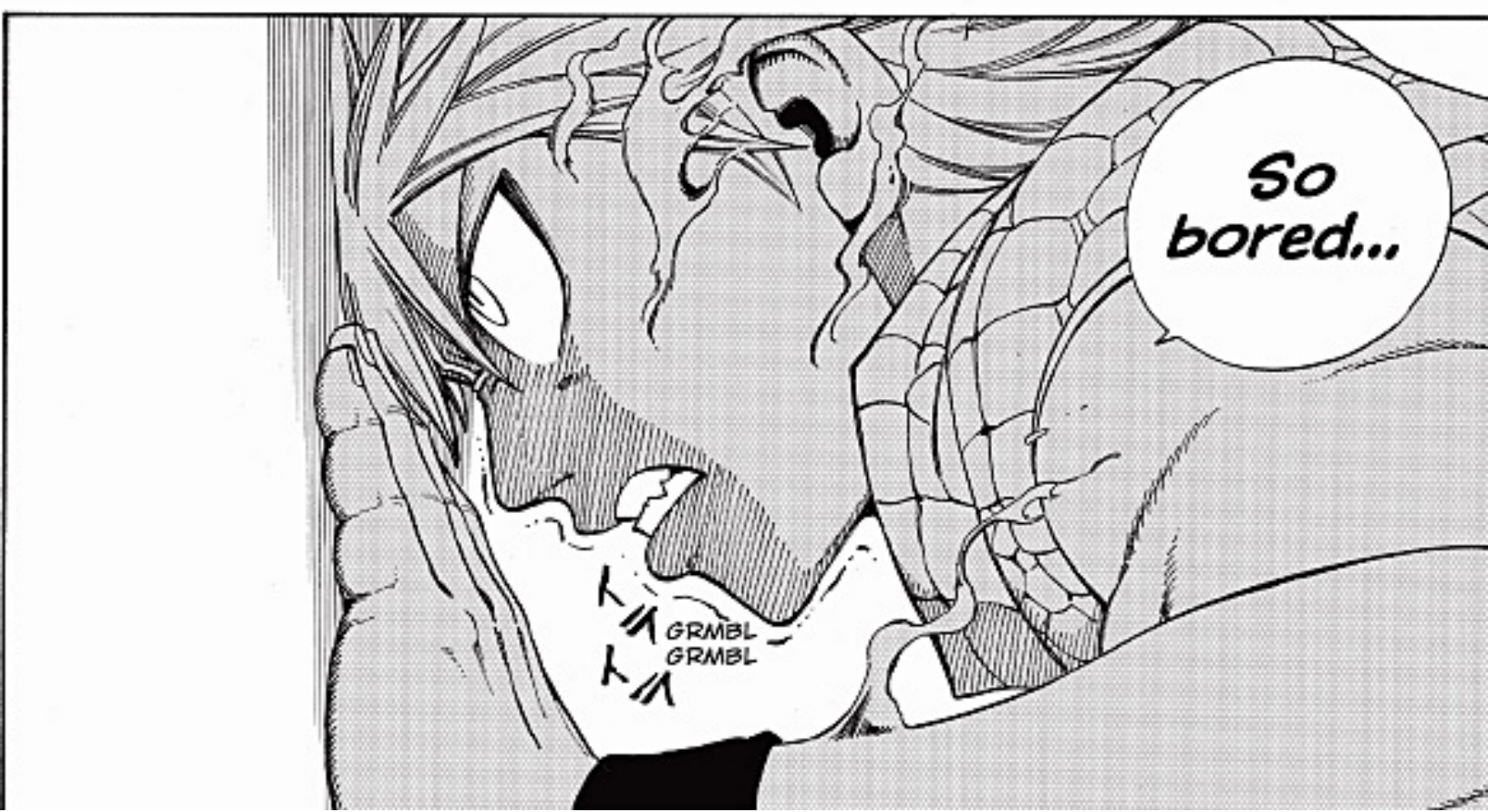
FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 114: Love Breaks Down Walls









You'd
really
go that
far...?
Lexus?!

The
Thunder
Palace...



But
remember!!
I'm taking
out Erza!!
Gramps is
counting on
her!!!

Mystogan
is mine,
too!!!
Got
it?!!!



What're
you
standing
there for,
Fried?

You and
Bickslow
have to go
out and
finish up
the fairy
hunting!!



They're
not
enemies!!
They're
guild-
mates...

Kill
them
?!!

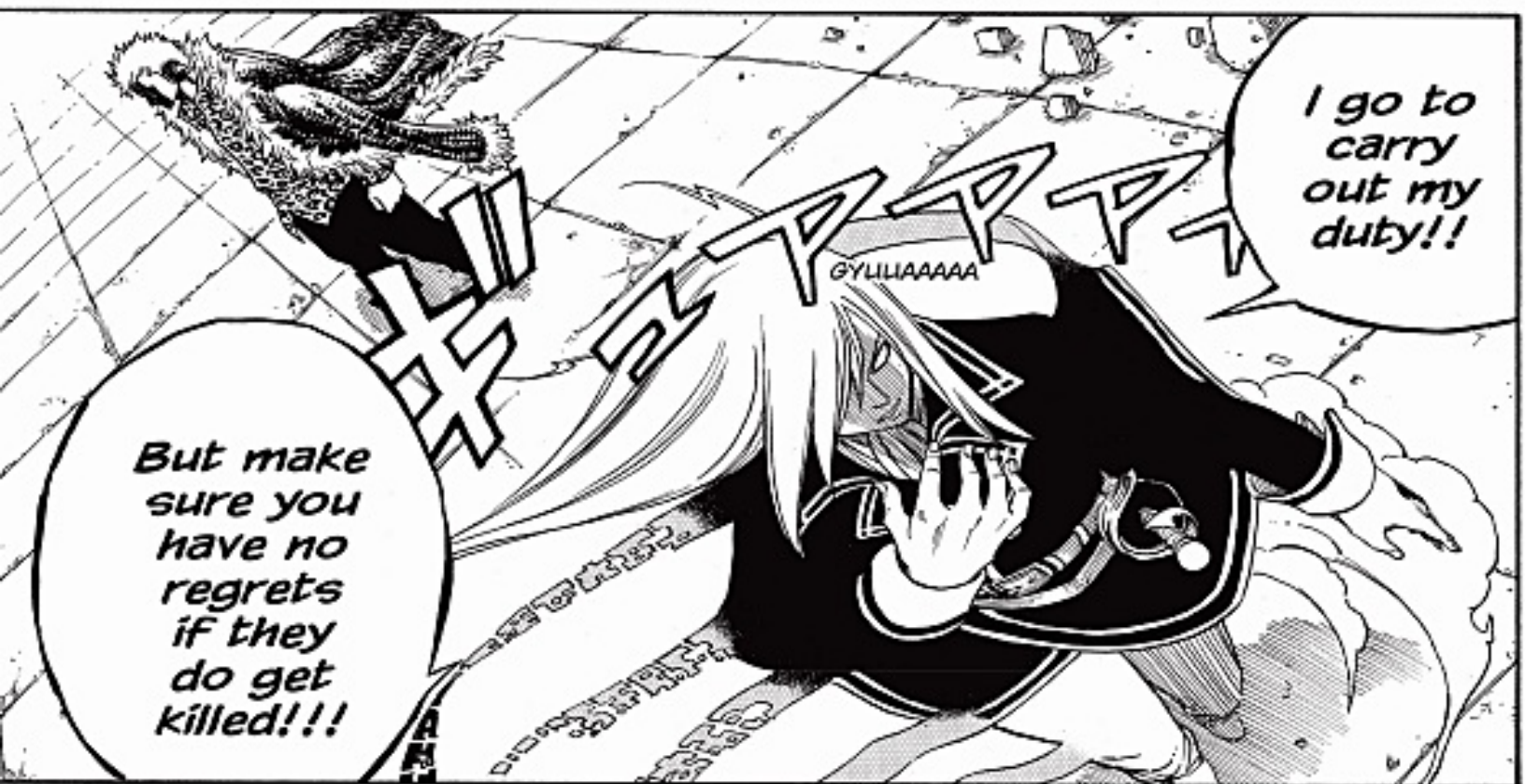
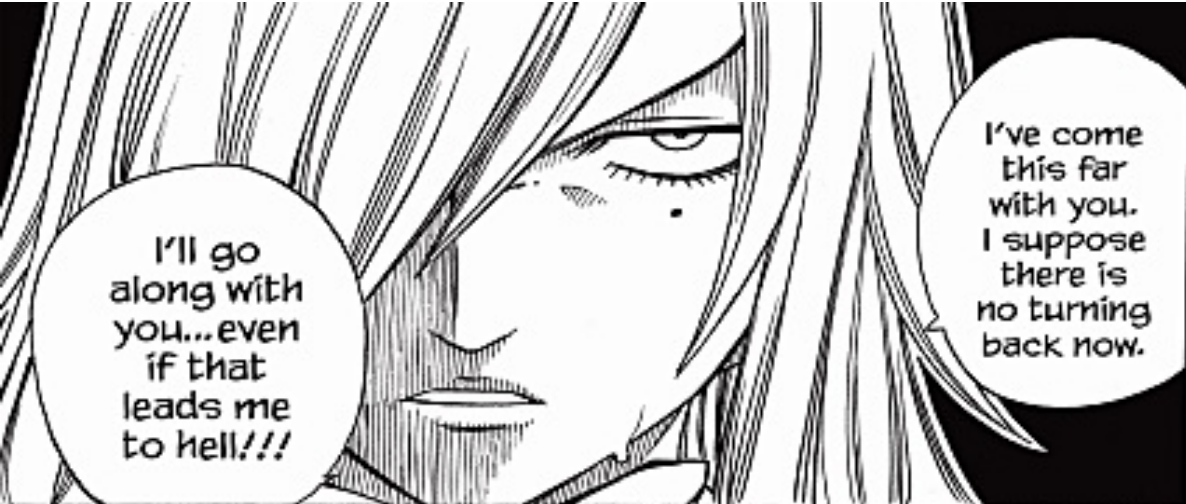


I don't
want either
of them in
my Fairy Tail.
Go ahead
and kill them.

You take
out Cana
and that
Phantom
chick.



*Are
you
disobeying
an
order
from
me?!!!!*





Mmm... We've both been in the guild a long time, but... I get the feeling he's lost the perspective he needs to think straight.

Can you remember any other place Laxus might frequent?

Dammit!!! There aren't even any clues as to where he is!!

There's a Jutsu-Shiki up with a rule that nobody but the Master can use it during the Battle of Fairy Tail. I really can't believe they planned this so minutely!!

I really wish I had brought a coat or something!
It's cold!!

Why can't we use the guild's public address system?

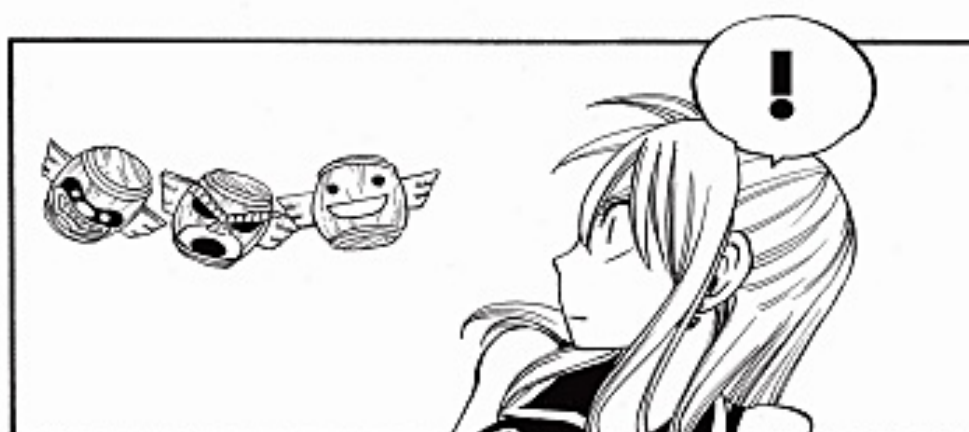
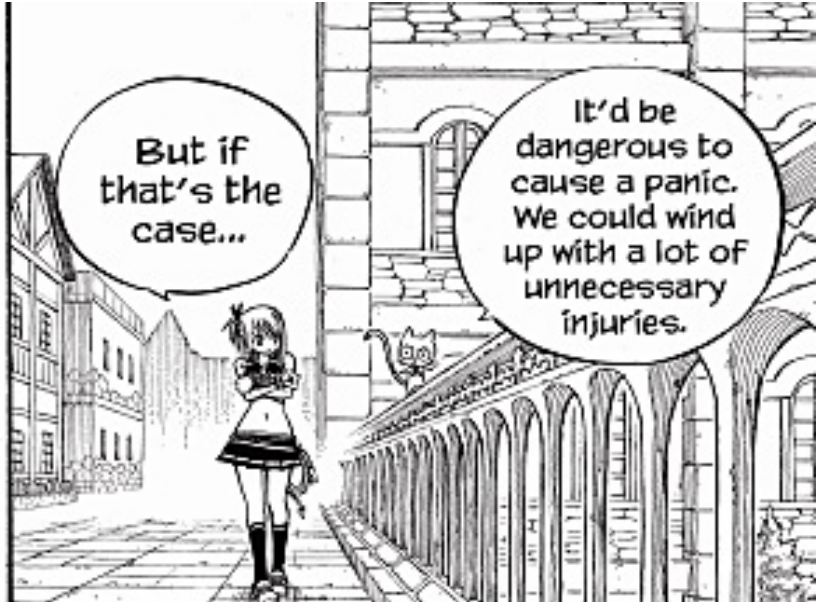
The streets are totally packed!

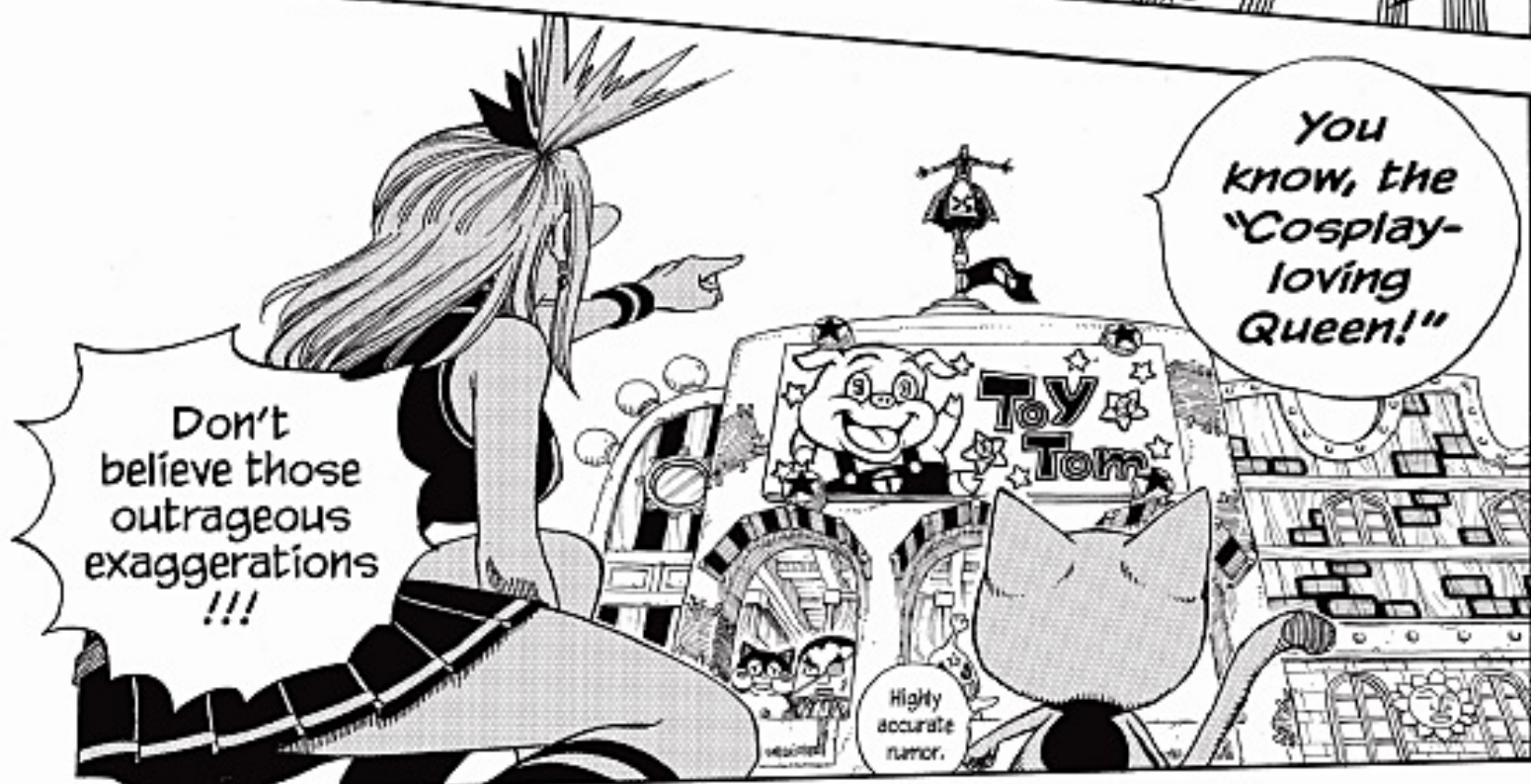
Many of the people here are from out-of-town, here for the festival.

About that... I really think it's a bad idea.

Why?

Anyway, we have to get the people evacuated away from the Thunder Palace!





Sorry! I know
you just joined,
and we're
supposed
to treat you
nice...

...but we're
in the middle
of a rough
game here!!!



Kyaa
!!

ZUDM DM DM DM

Waa
!!!!

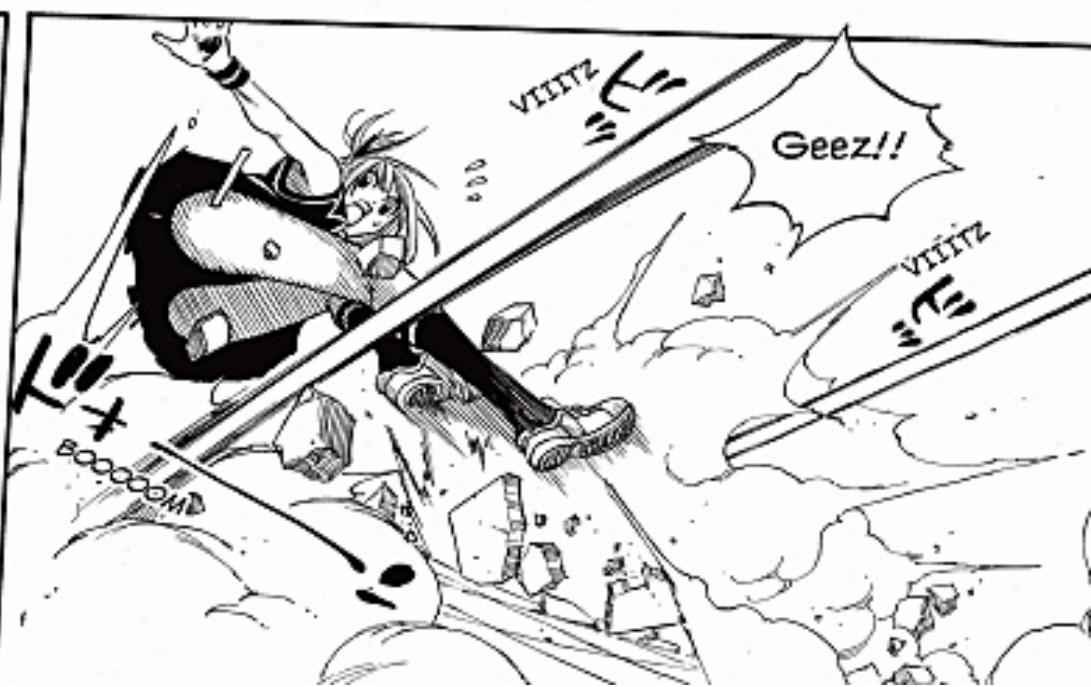
By the
time this
game ends,
Lexus will
be the
Master!!!

The Master
doesn't
have any
say!!!

After doing
all this, do
you think the
Master will let
you get away
with it?!



Those
flying
things
are the
problem,
huh?



VIIITZ
"F"

Geez!!

VIIITZ
"F"



You called, Madam?! Moshi-moshi!!

HEE-HEEEN

Open,
Gate to the
Man-Horse
Palace!!!

**Sagit-
tarius
!!!!**



Your targets are those things flying around!!! Okay?!!



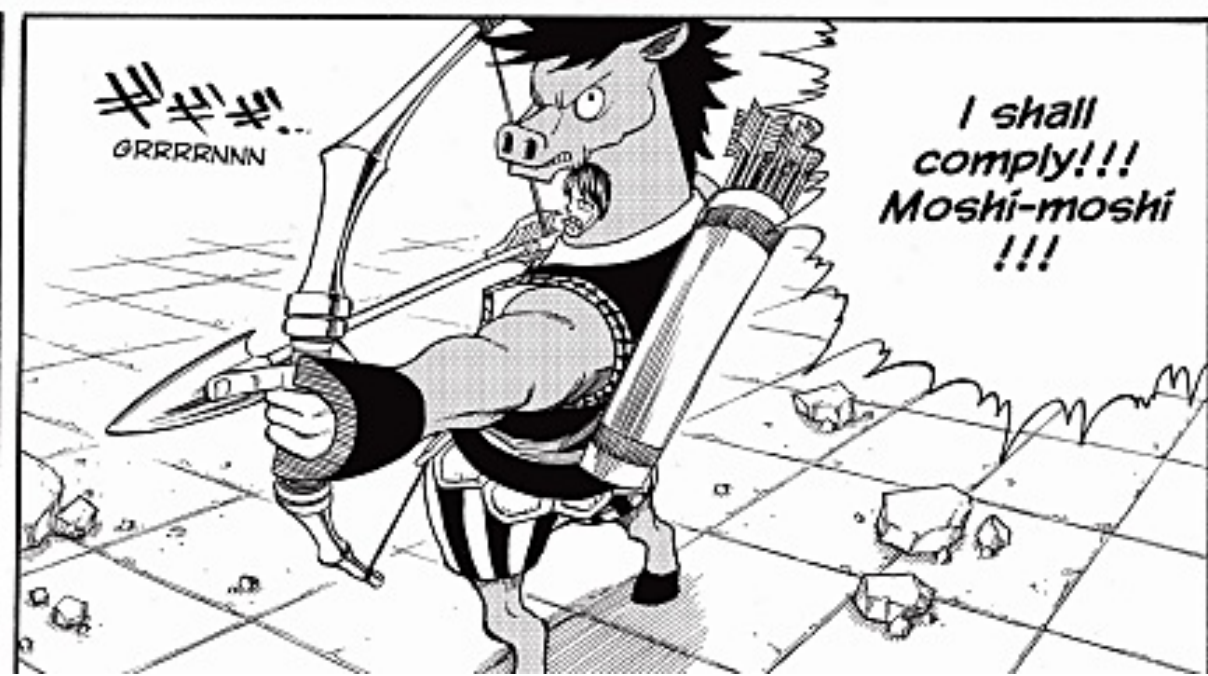
But I didn't know Celestial Spirits did cosplay!!!

No one's cos-
playing
!!!

Ooh!!
Celestial
Magic
?!!



ZWOOM



ギギギ
GRRRRNN

I shall
comply!!!
Moshi-moshi
!!!



Ooh!
My Ba-
bies!!!



You
did
it!!

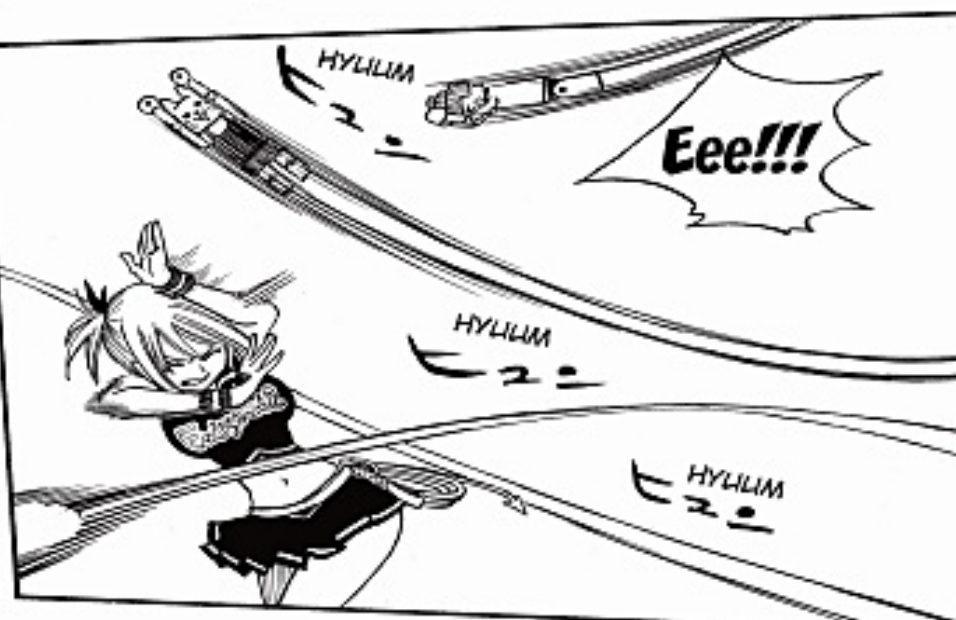
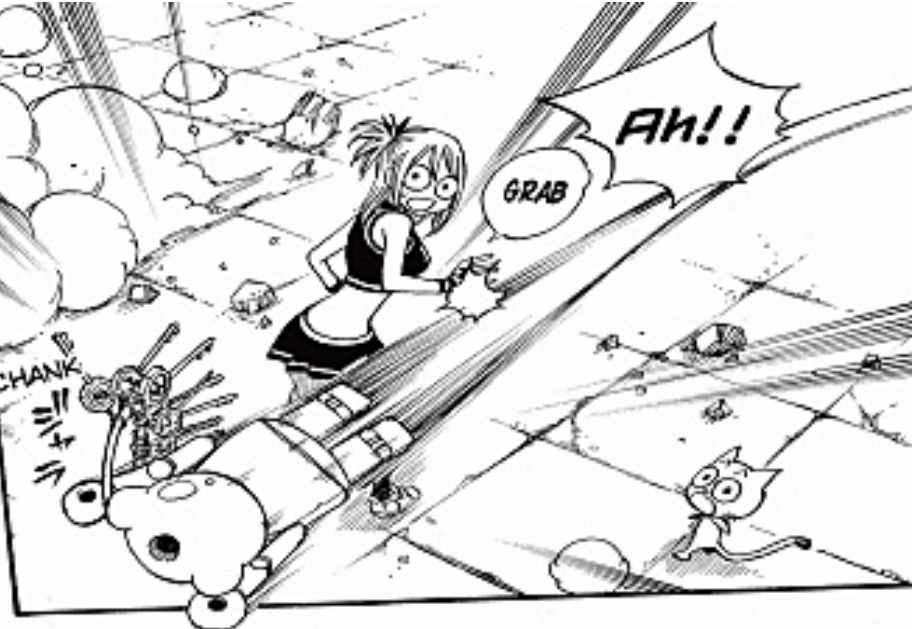
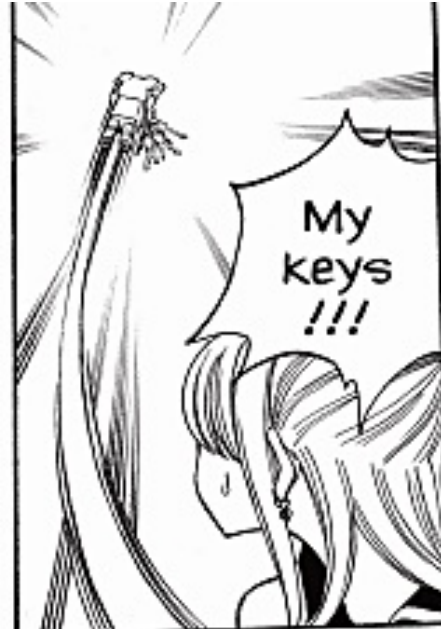


First
they're
frozen,
then blown
to dust!!



Just
kidding
!!!





ガチンク

GACHINK

Baryon
Formation!!!

Your
soul is
about
to be
sacri-
ficed
to
Lexus!!!

BOOOOM

Fire
!!!!

!!

What...

...is...

No,
don't!!!





...that I am the only one who can open my gate freely without any call from you?

I wonder why it is...

SKRRRRCH

But it may just be the force of love between us that breaks down such walls.

They say there's a wall between the Celestial world and the human one.

"Love"
...
?

TMP

y-
You're...

What kind of stupid talk is that?

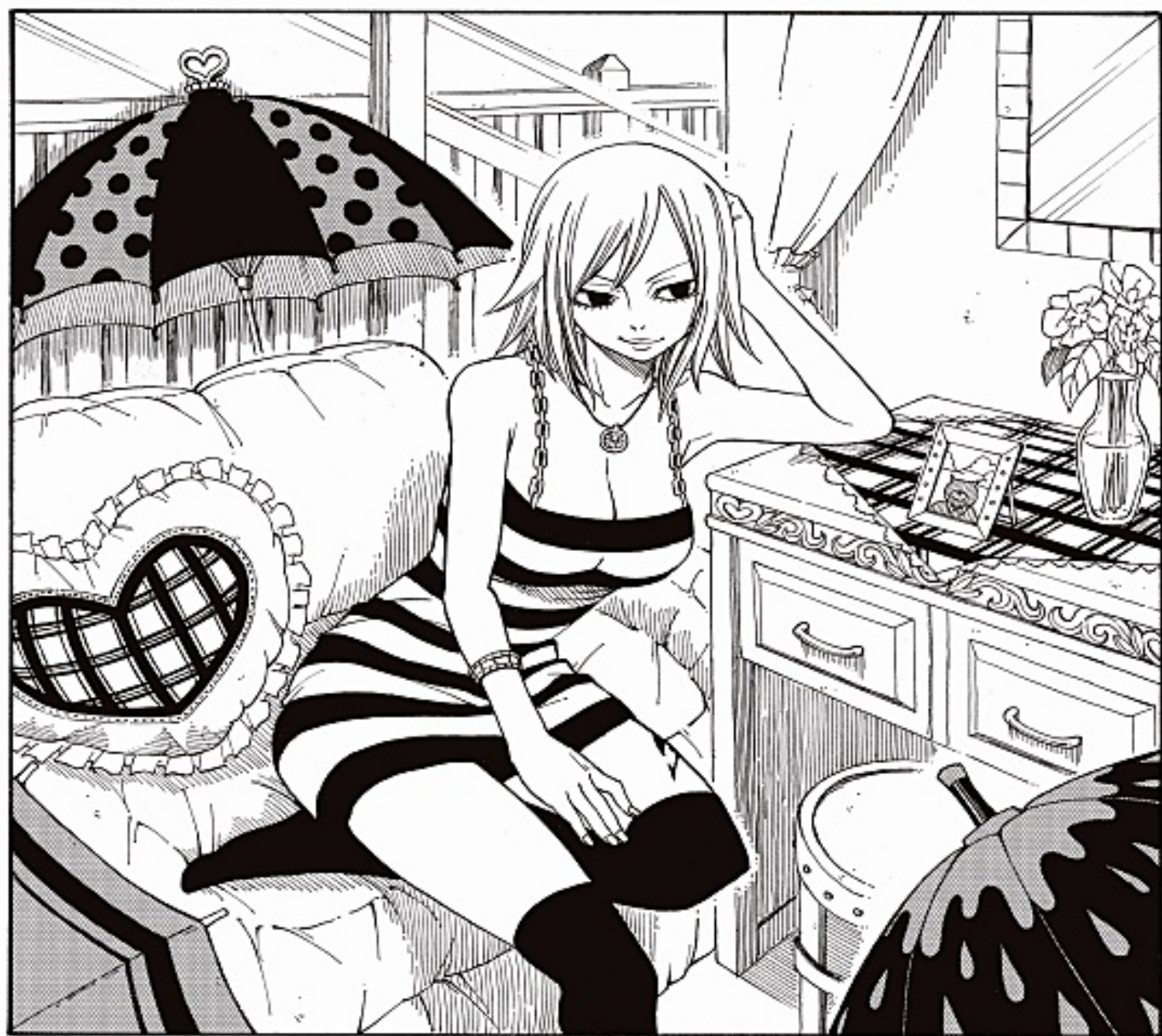
*It seems
the moment
to fulfill
my vow has
come!!!*

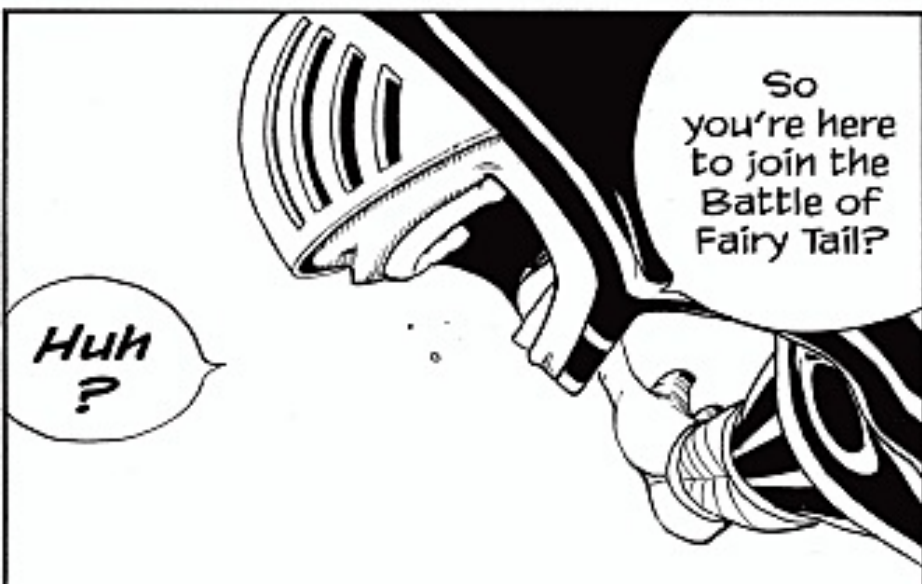
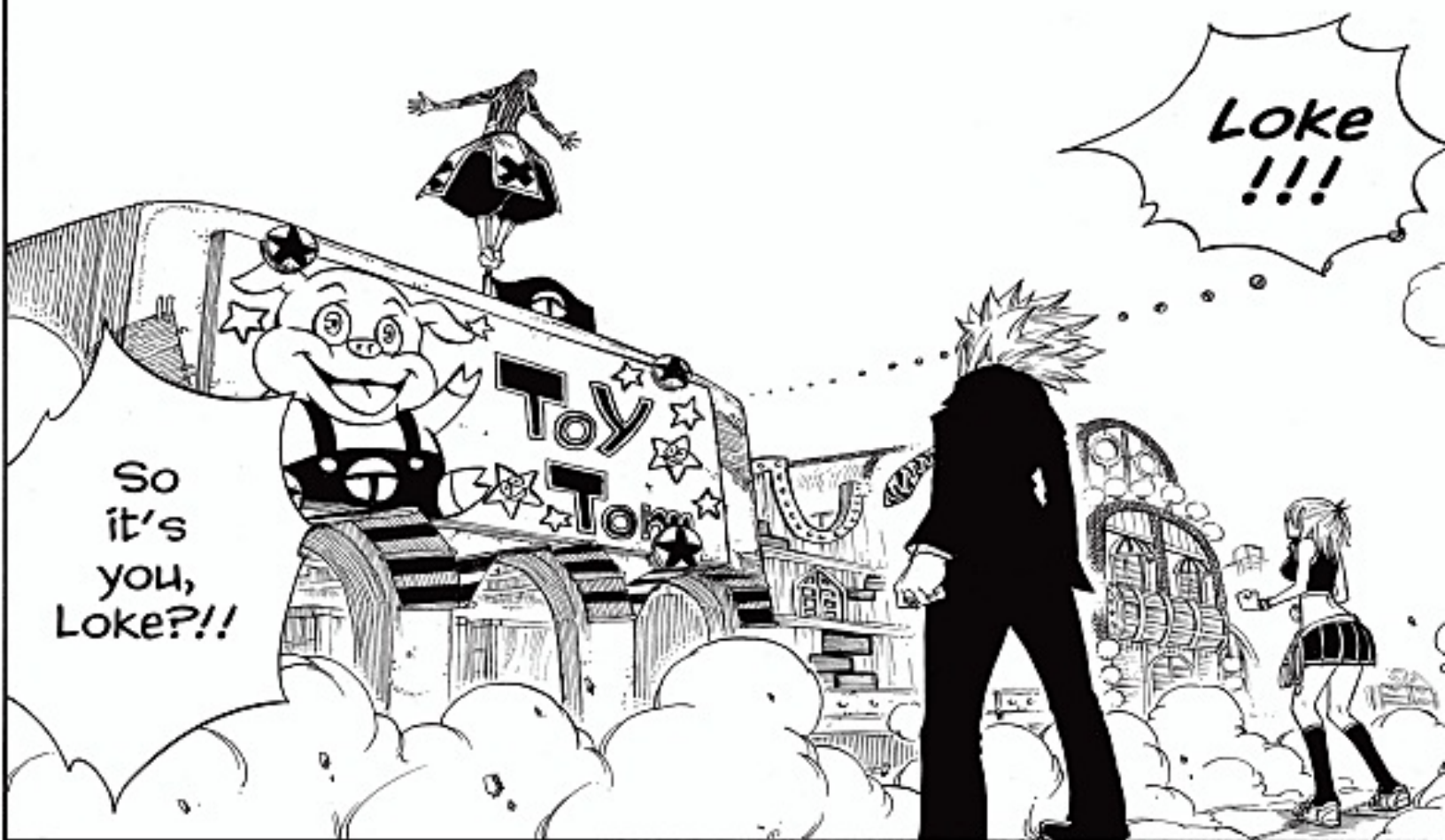
BOOM

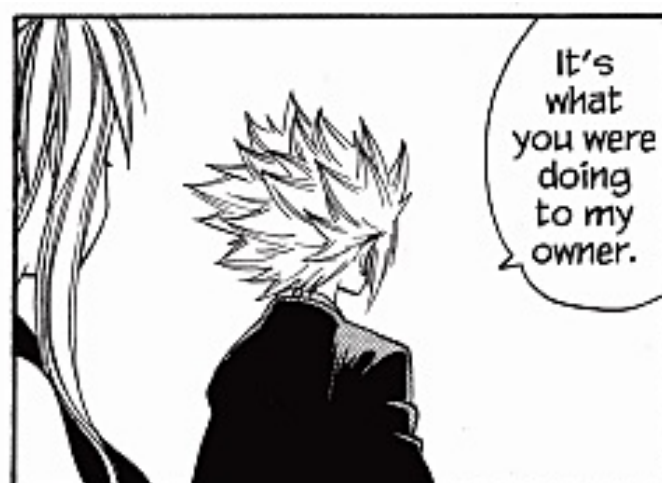
**Loke
!!!!**

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 115: Regulus (The Light of the Lion)







It's
what
you were
doing
to my
owner.



That part
of it doesn't
really interest
me anymore.



*... that I
cannot
forgive
!!!!*

*The fact
that you
were
trying
to hurt
Lucy...*

Every time
we tussled
before,
I was
pulling my
punches!!



There's
no way you
can beat
me!!!

*Forgive?!!
Give
me a
break!!!*

Yeaah!!!

Let's go tease him a little, Babies! Just like old times!!!

DO SHASH

Celestial Spirits aren't my shields!!

What do you think you're saying?!

Lucy, stand back!!

FSHT

My style is to fight alongside them!!

LACHEEEN



Aye !!

**Okay!!
Let's
go,
Happy
!!**

**You get
Bickslow
himself
when I clear
the way!!!**

**I'll find a
way to deal
with the
puppets!!!**

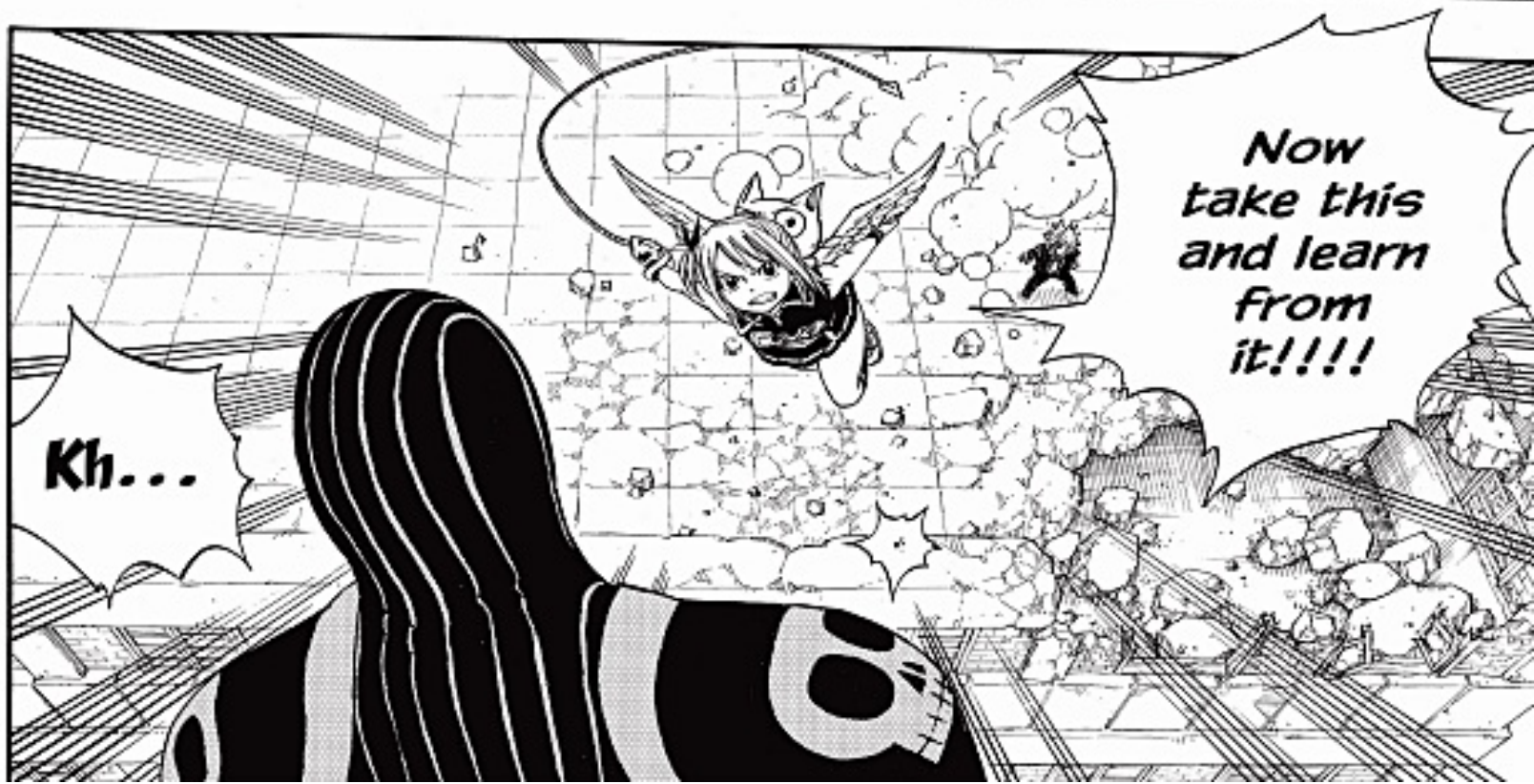
**...
grant
me your
power
!!!!**

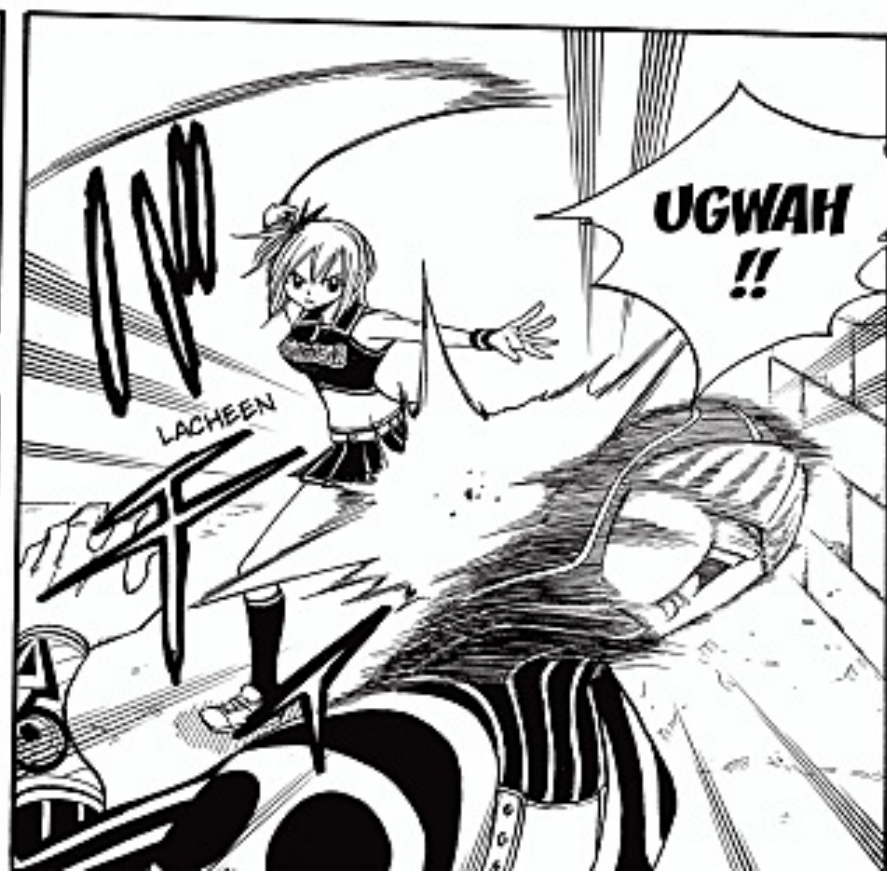
GWOOO

**O
Regulus
:**

FASH

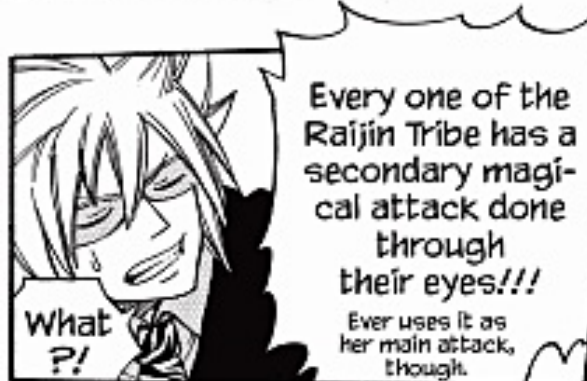








**Figure
Eyes!!!!**

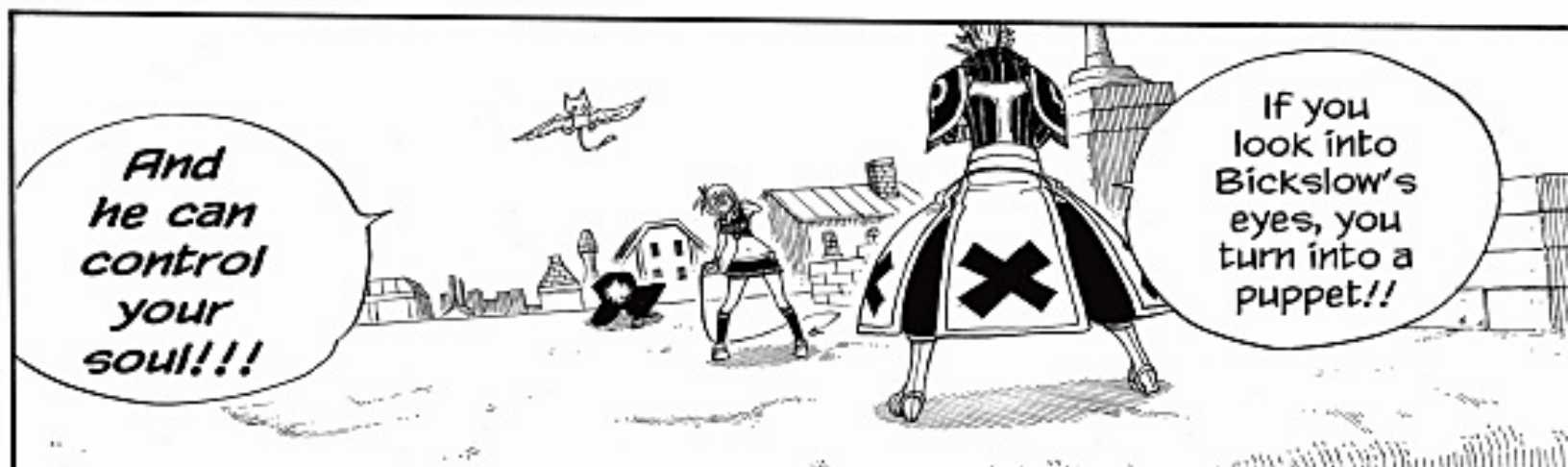


Every one of the
Raijin Tribe has a
secondary magi-
cal attack done
through
their eyes!!!

Ever uses it as
her main attack,
though.

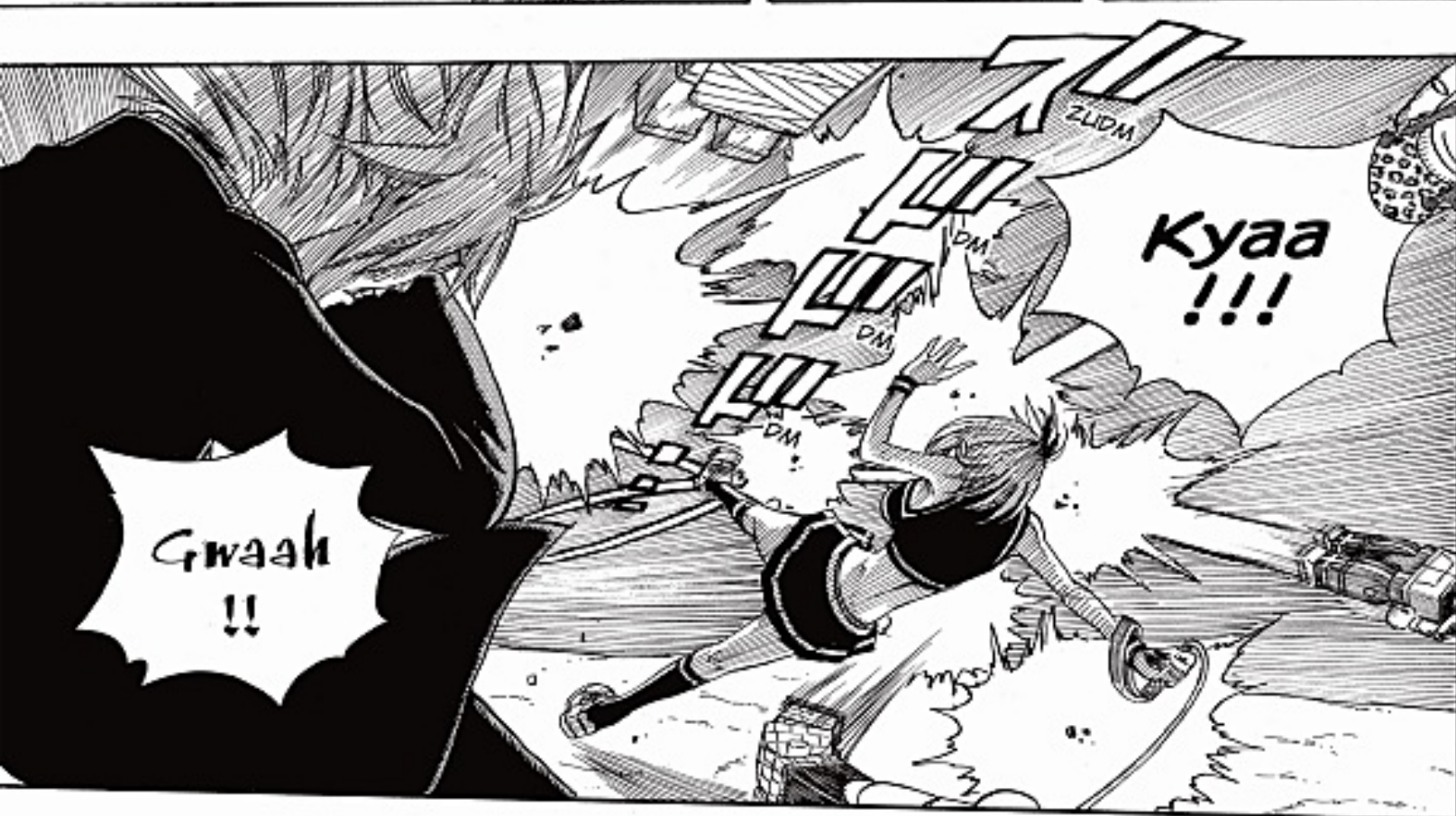
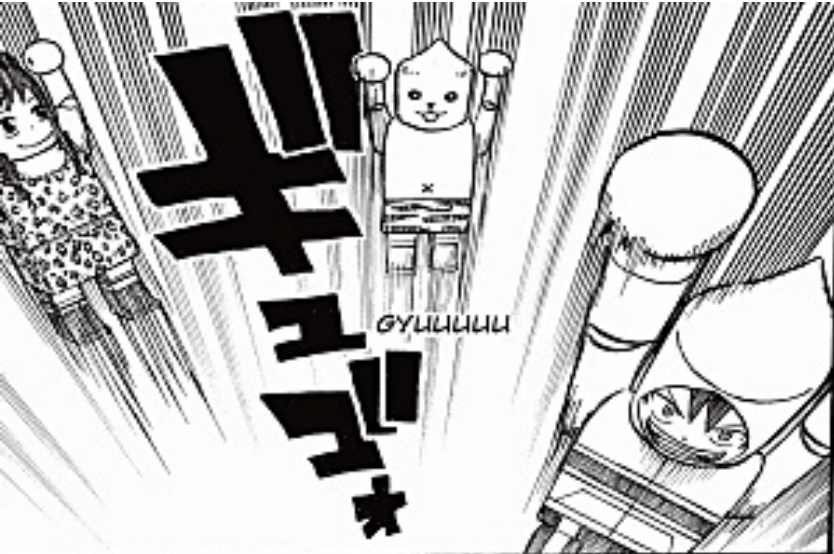


Don't look
into his
eyes!! Lucy!!!
Loke!!!



And
he can
control
your
soul!!!

If you
look into
Bickslow's
eyes, you
turn into a
puppet!!



You can't open your eyes!!! Neither of you!!!







My
keys
were
stolen
!!

Remember
why you
came
out on
your
own?!!



We have to do an all-or-nothing attack. So when I give the signal, open your eyes and charge him!!

But...if I open my eyes...

DOKAAM

DOKAAM

DM

DM

DM

KRAKK

KRAKOW

DOKAAM

You said you trusted me, right?

!!!

All right.

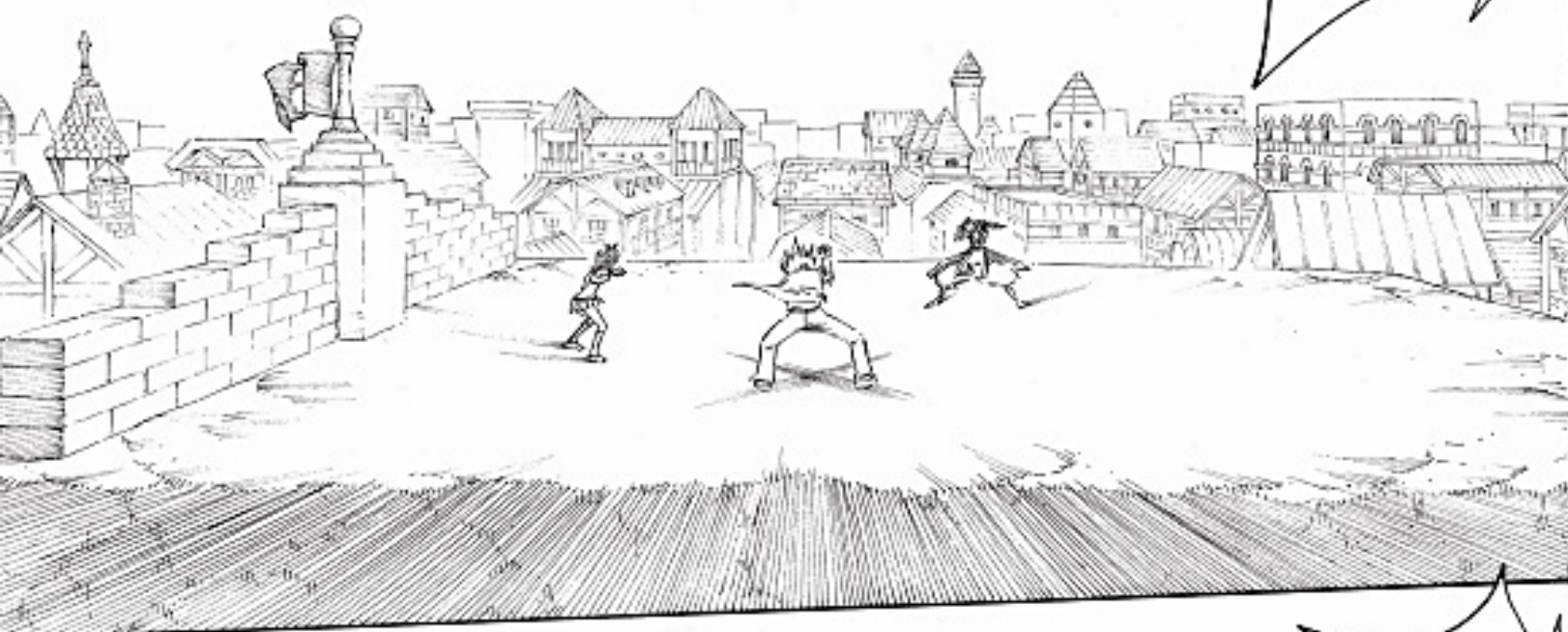
Before you try any stupid tricks, I'll finish you off!!! Baryon Formation!!!

Regulus power at full!!!

KEEEEE EEN

FASH

**Lion's
Radiance
!!!!**



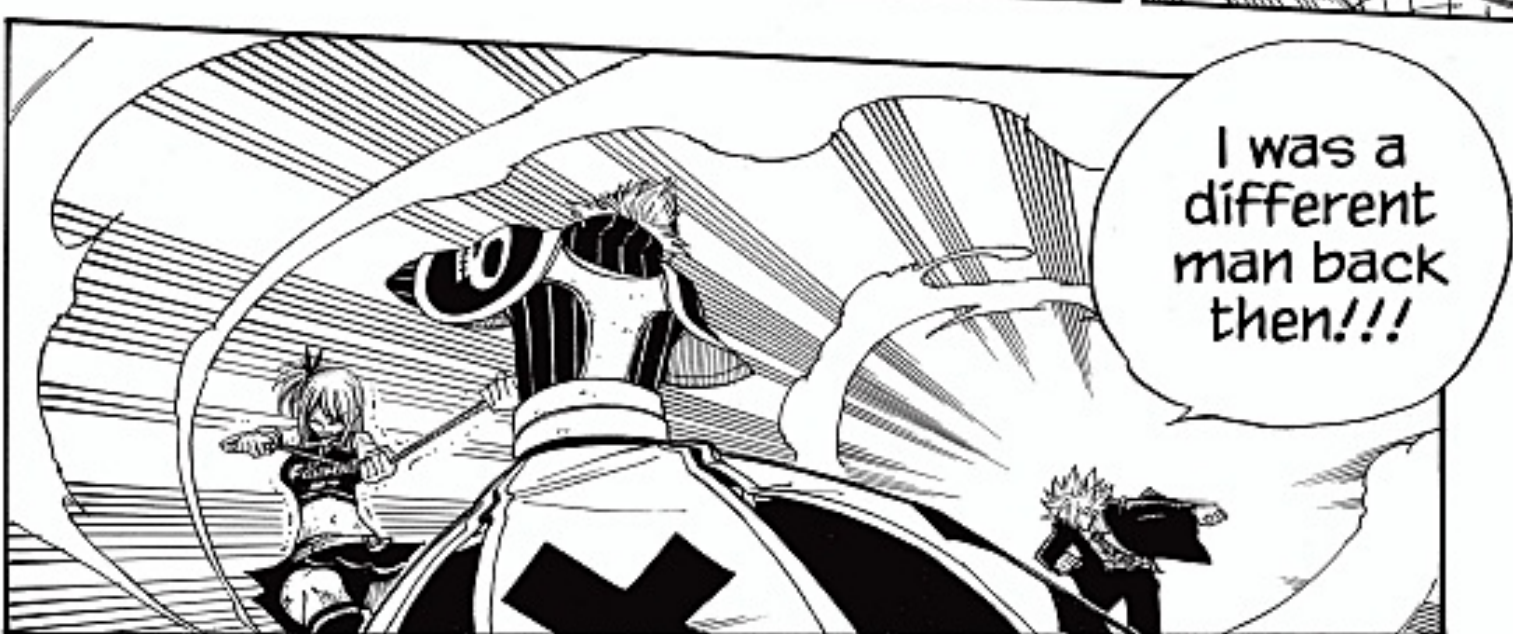
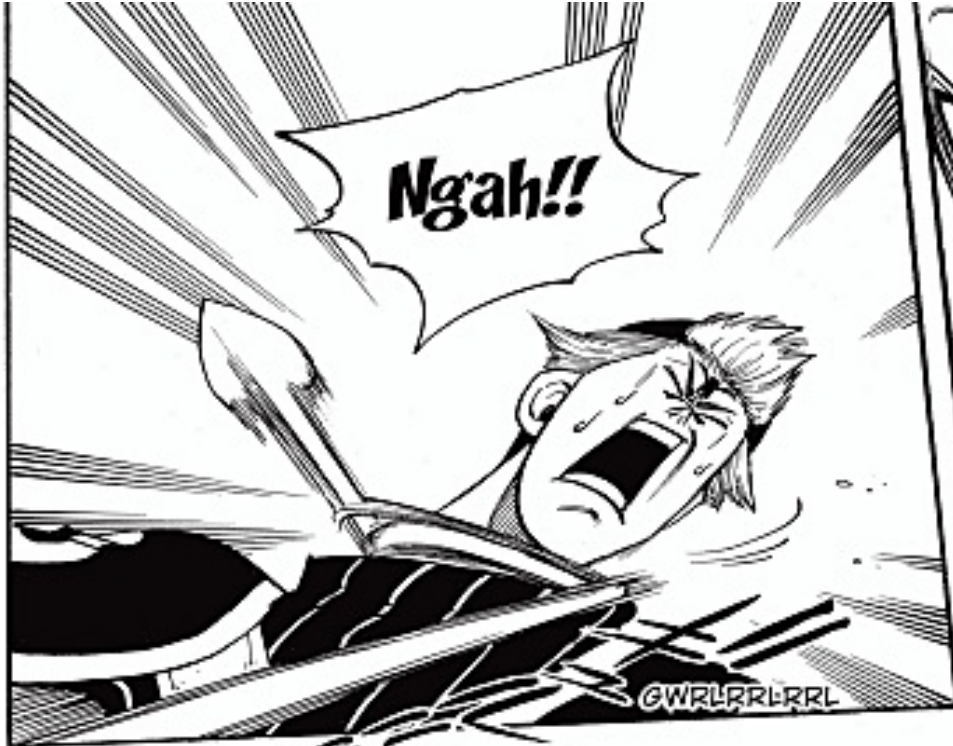
**Now
!!!!**



GWM

**What
?!!**

**Some
blinding
attack
?!!**





**No,
even
more
!!!**

**I've
become
much, much
stronger
ever since
I met
Lucy!!!**

**After I
met Lucy,
I had my
original
Celestial
powers
returned to
me!!!**

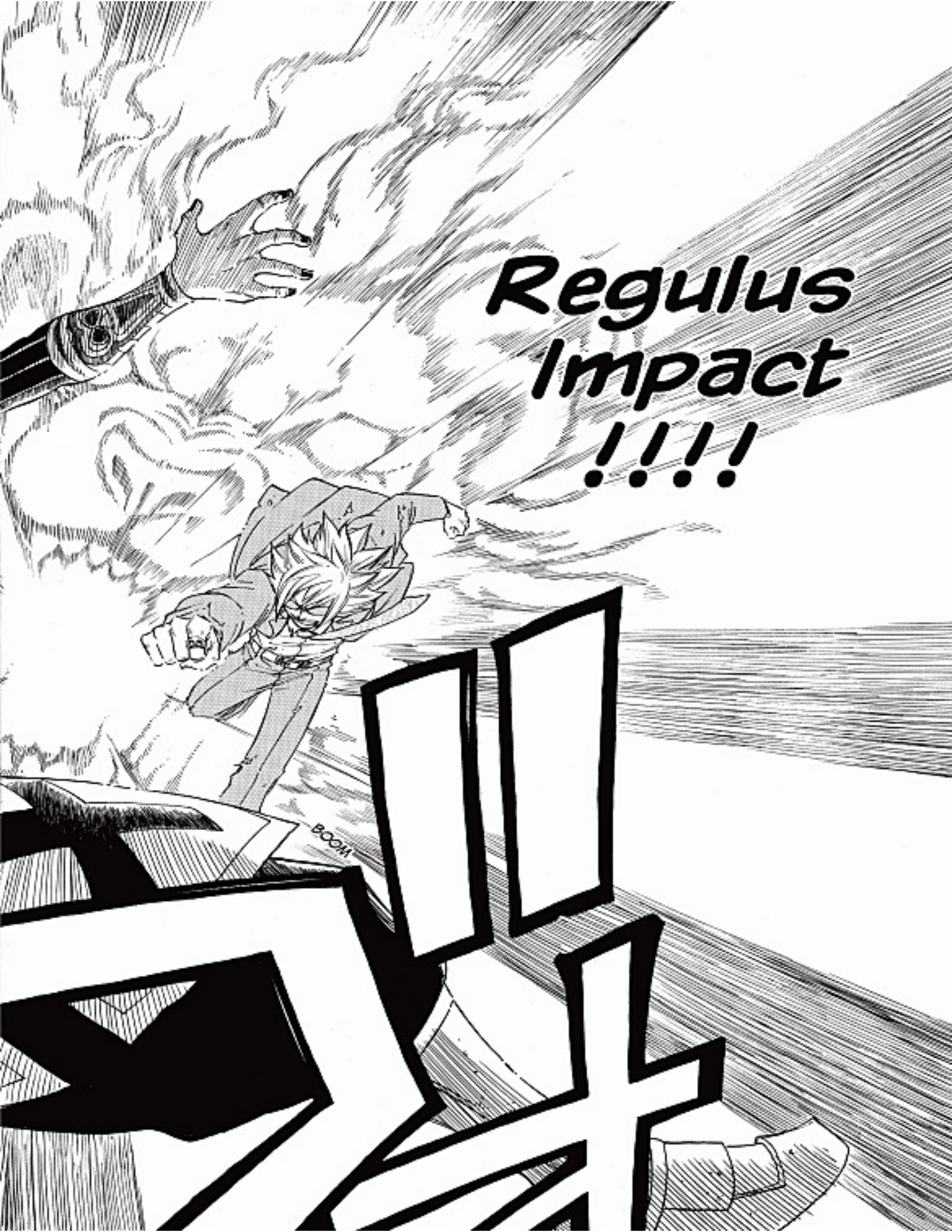


**We're
nothing
like those
puppets
of
yours!!!!**

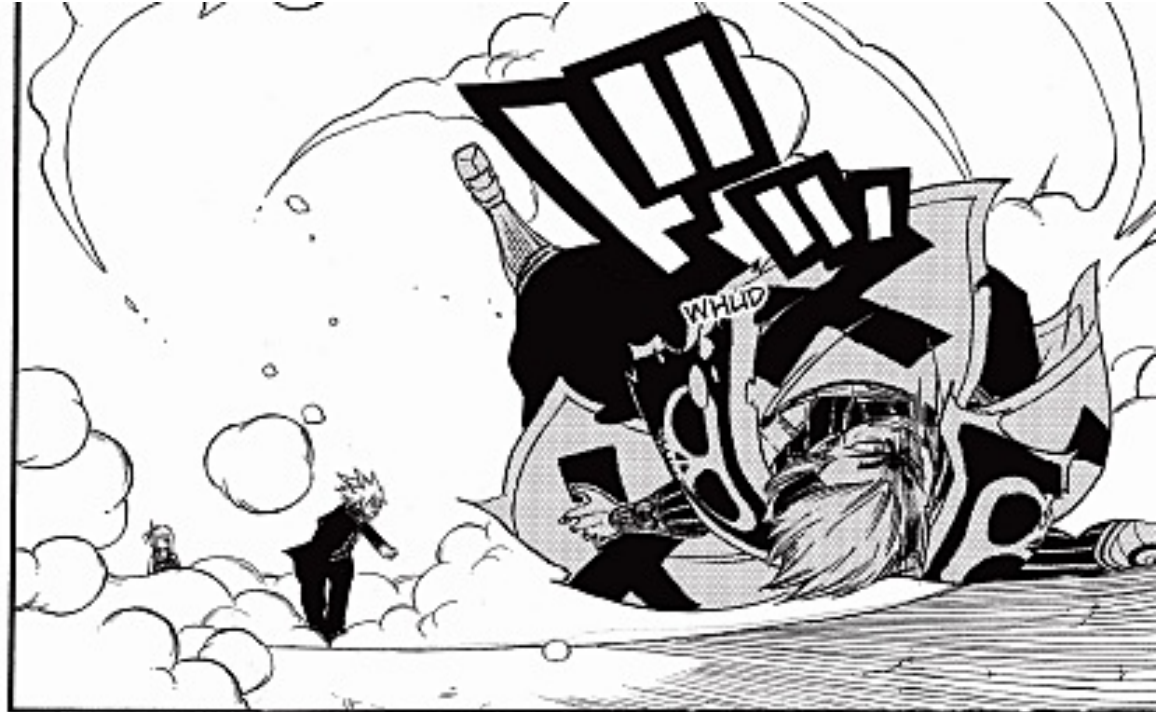
**Love
makes a
Celestial
Spirit
stronger
!!!!**



***Regulus
Impact
!!!!***



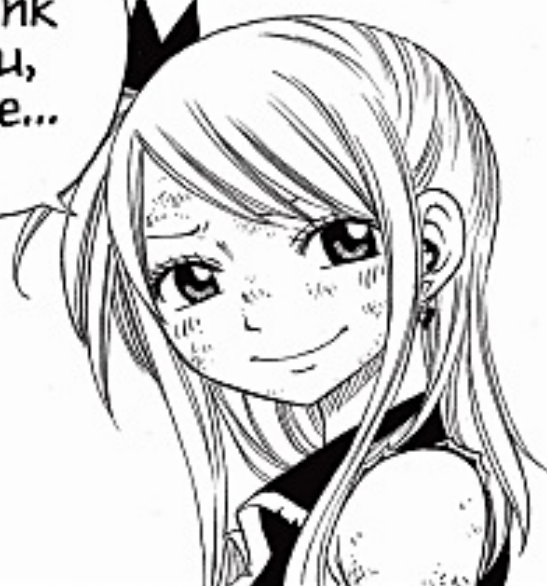
You
did
it!!!



WOOOSH

Look
at this,
Lucy!!!

Thank
you,
Loke...



That phrasing
makes
it sound
especially
awful.

You
are
so
doing
it!

Um...

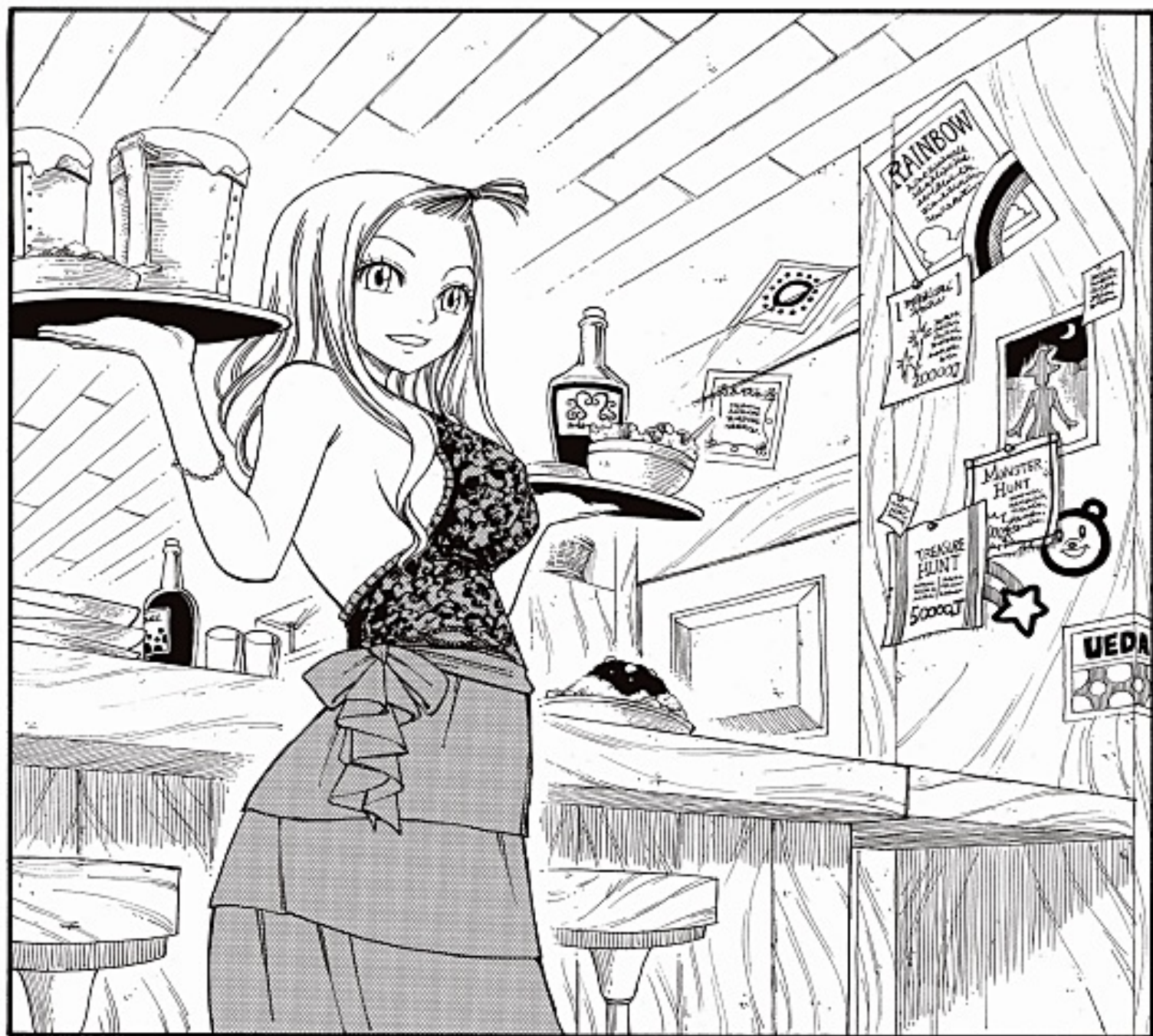
SHIIIIINE

I LOVE
LUCY♥

It's
the
light of
love!!!

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 116: Cana vs. Juvia



Battle of
Fairy Tail
Results
Report

Bickslow
vs.
Lucy

My body
doesn't...

WOBBLE

Wh-
What...?

Winner:
Lucy

No wonder.
You called on
two Golden
Gate
Spirits in the
same fight!

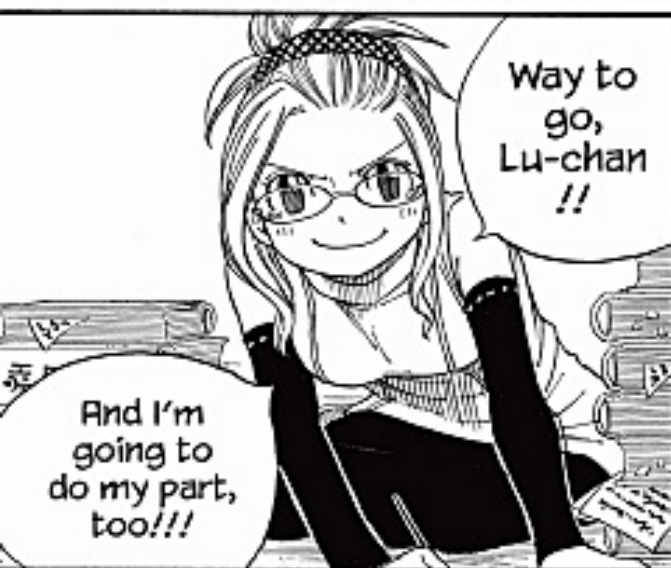
SLUMP

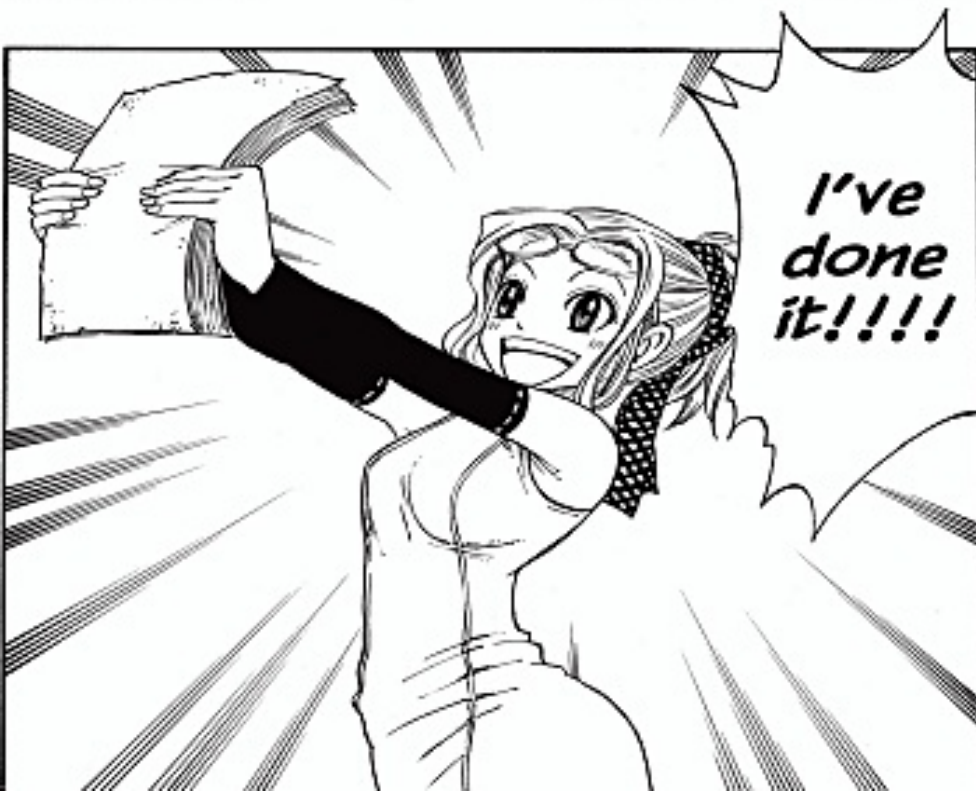
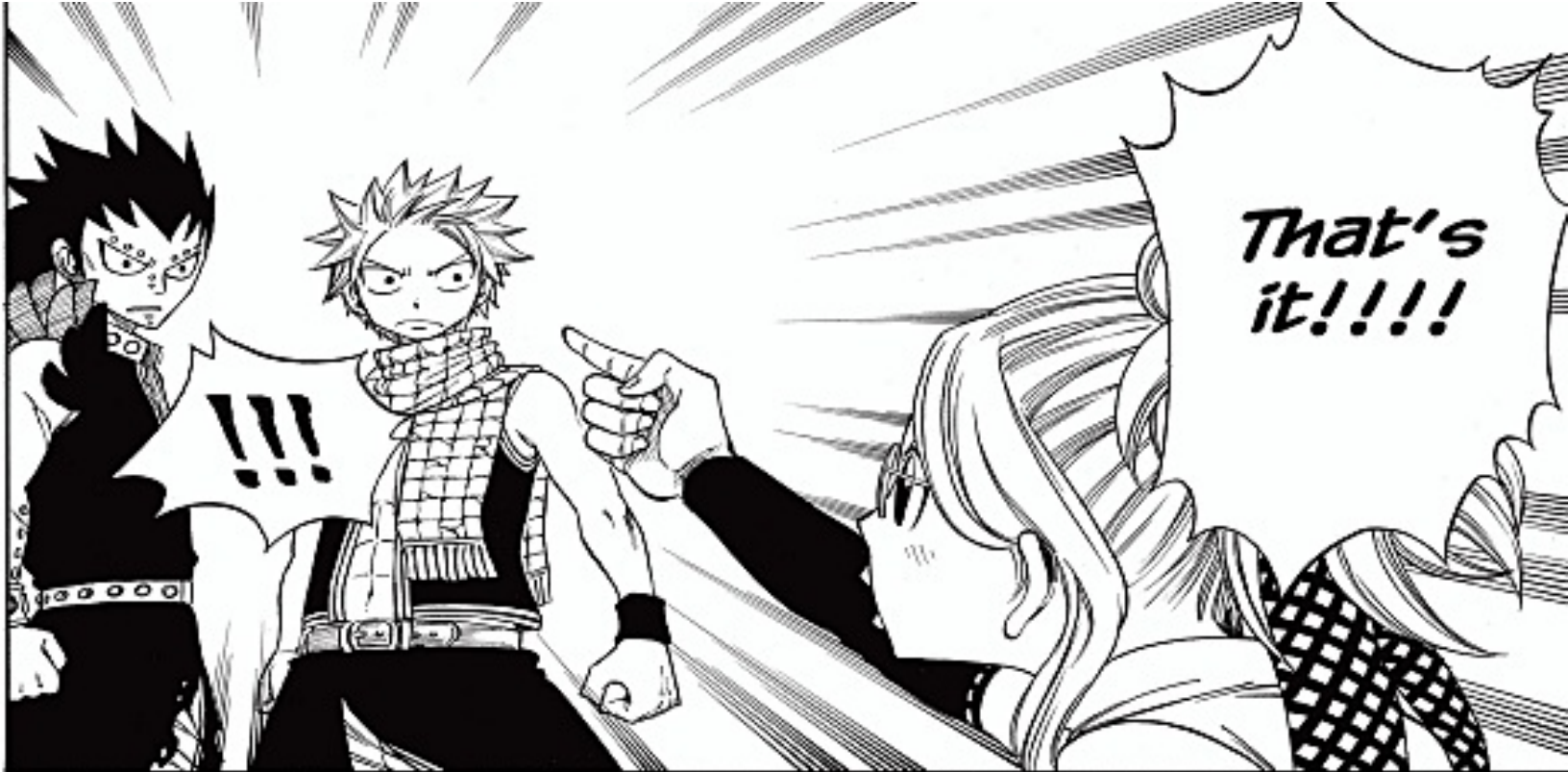
Yeah...
Thanks...

Fairy Tail

CHANG

Whenever
you need me,
I'll come to
the rescue.



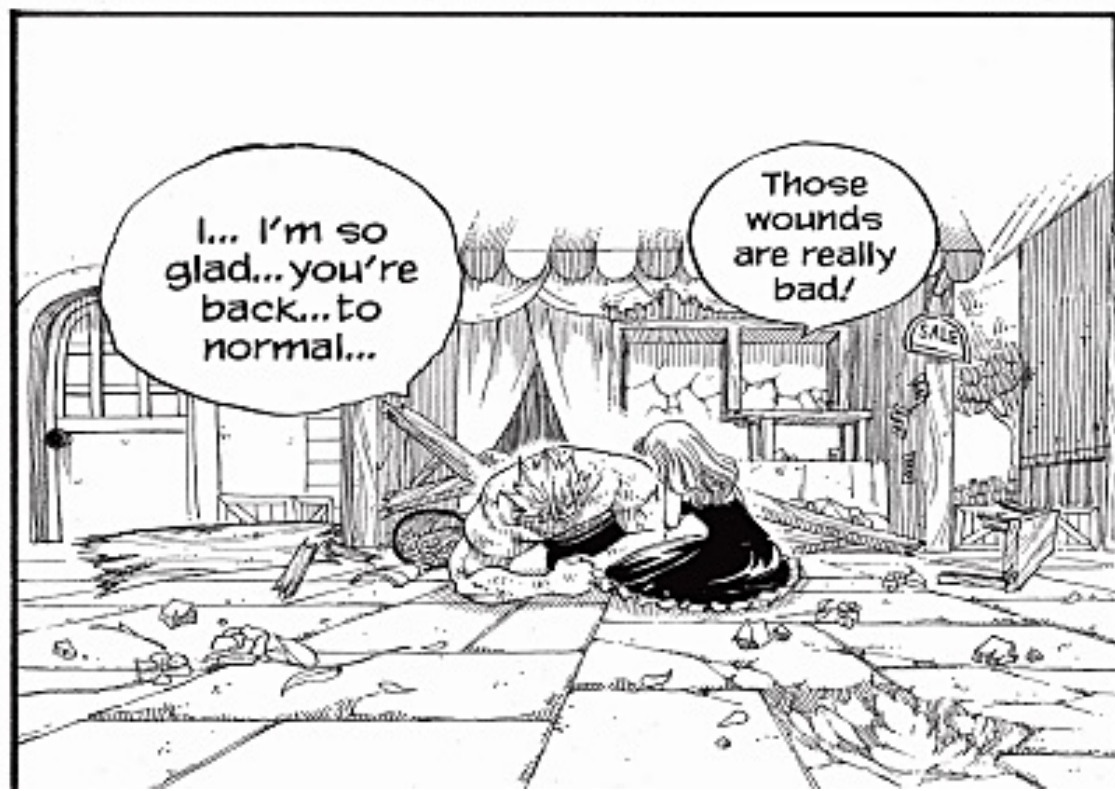
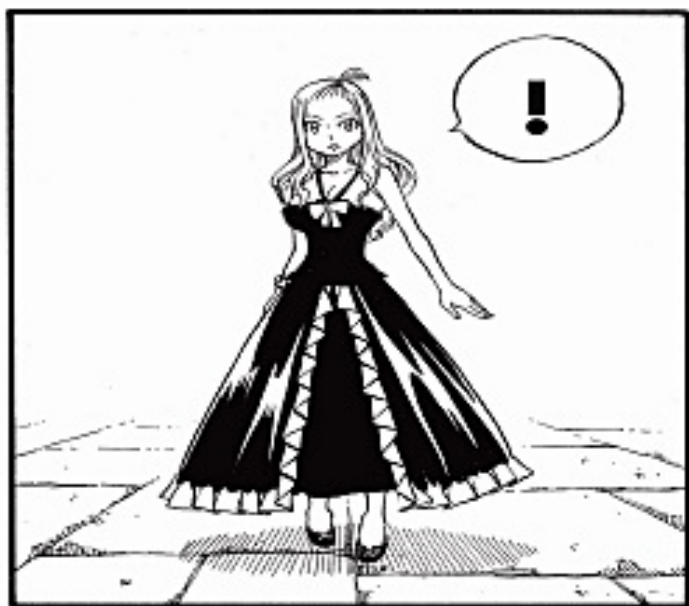
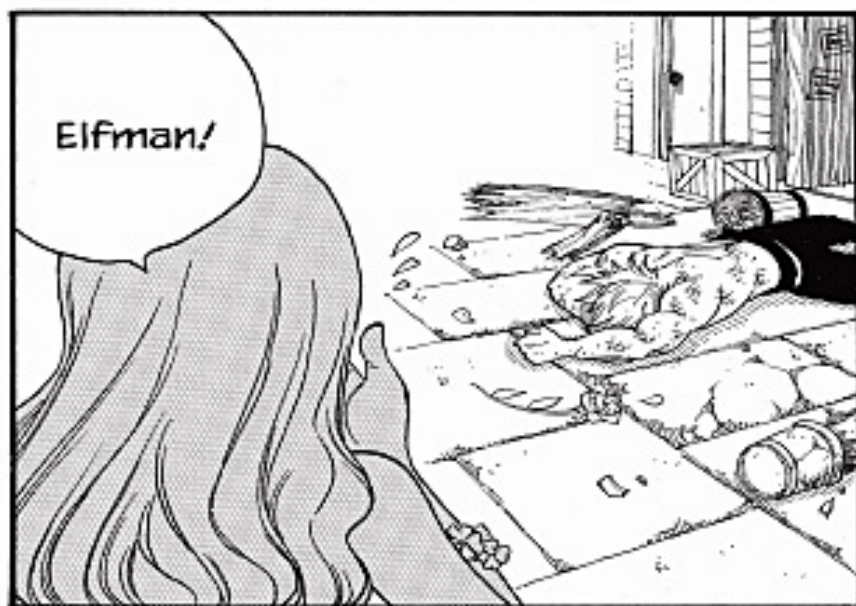


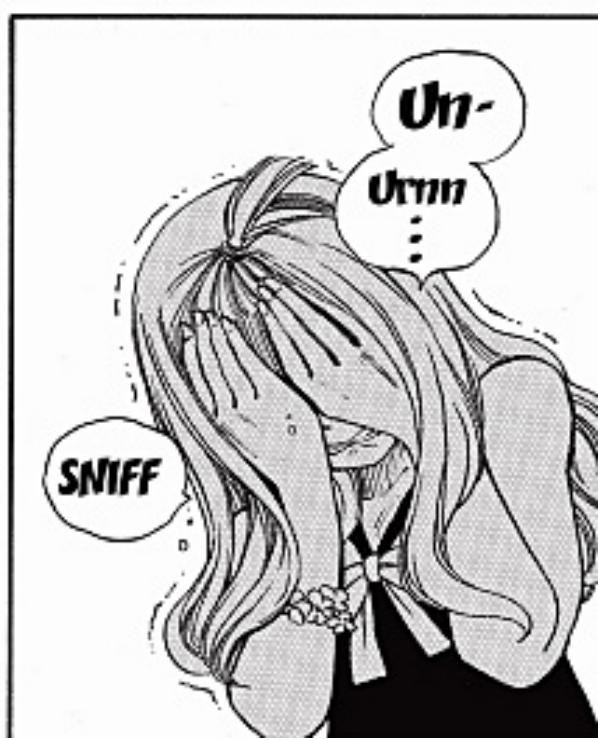


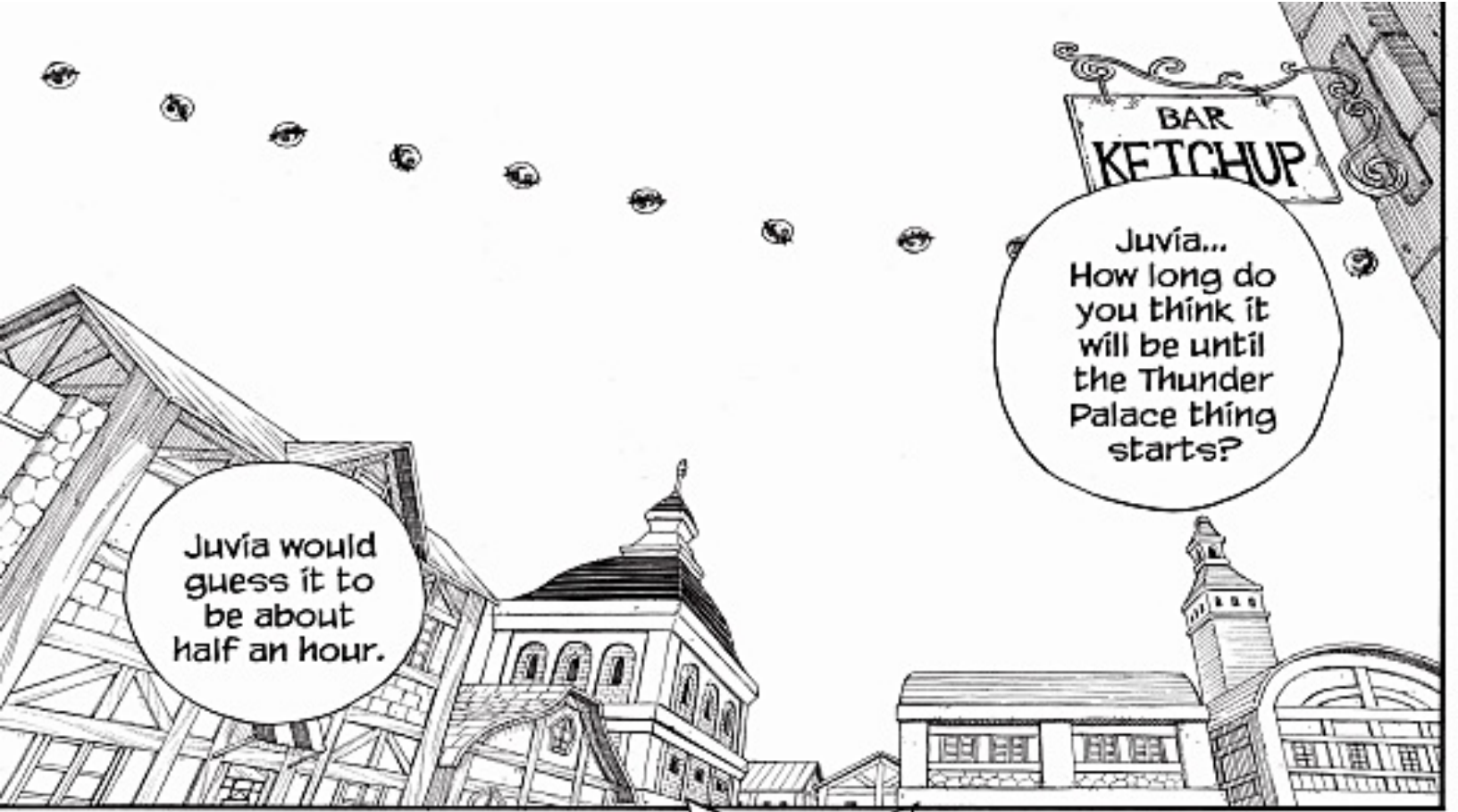


Yeah!!!!

*Time to
go on a
short
rampage!!!*







BAR
KETCHUP

Juvia...
How long do
you think it
will be until
the Thunder
Palace thing
starts?

Juvia would
guess it to
be about
half an hour.

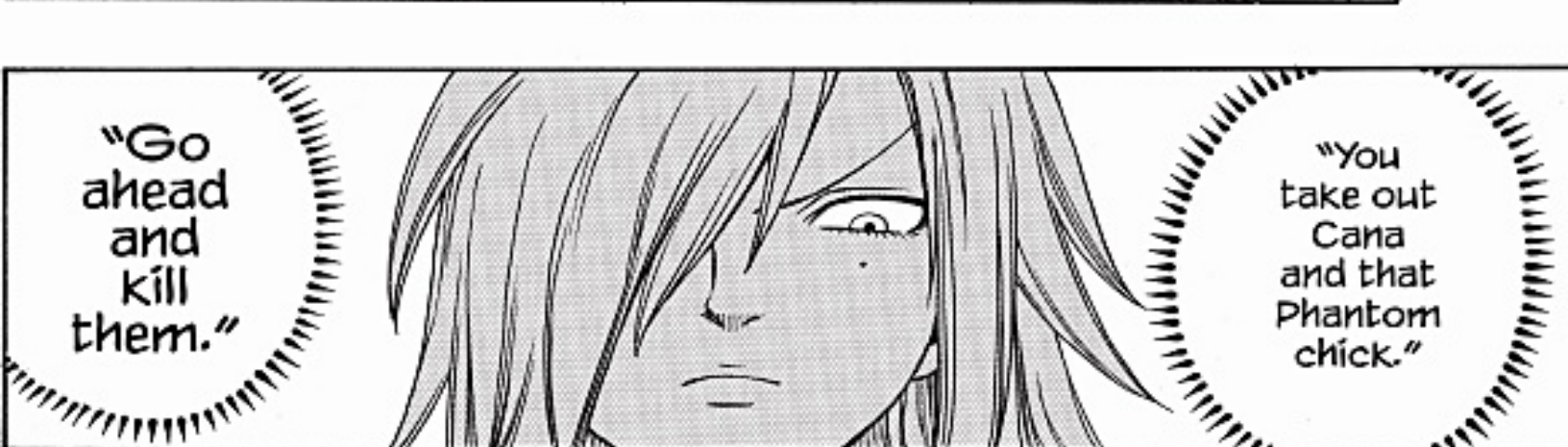
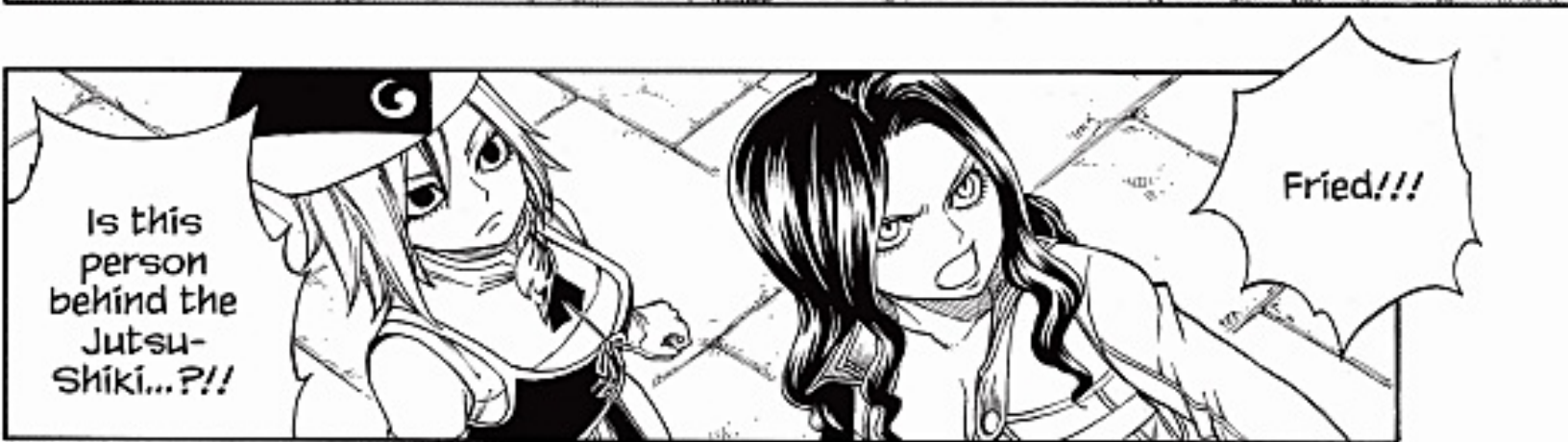
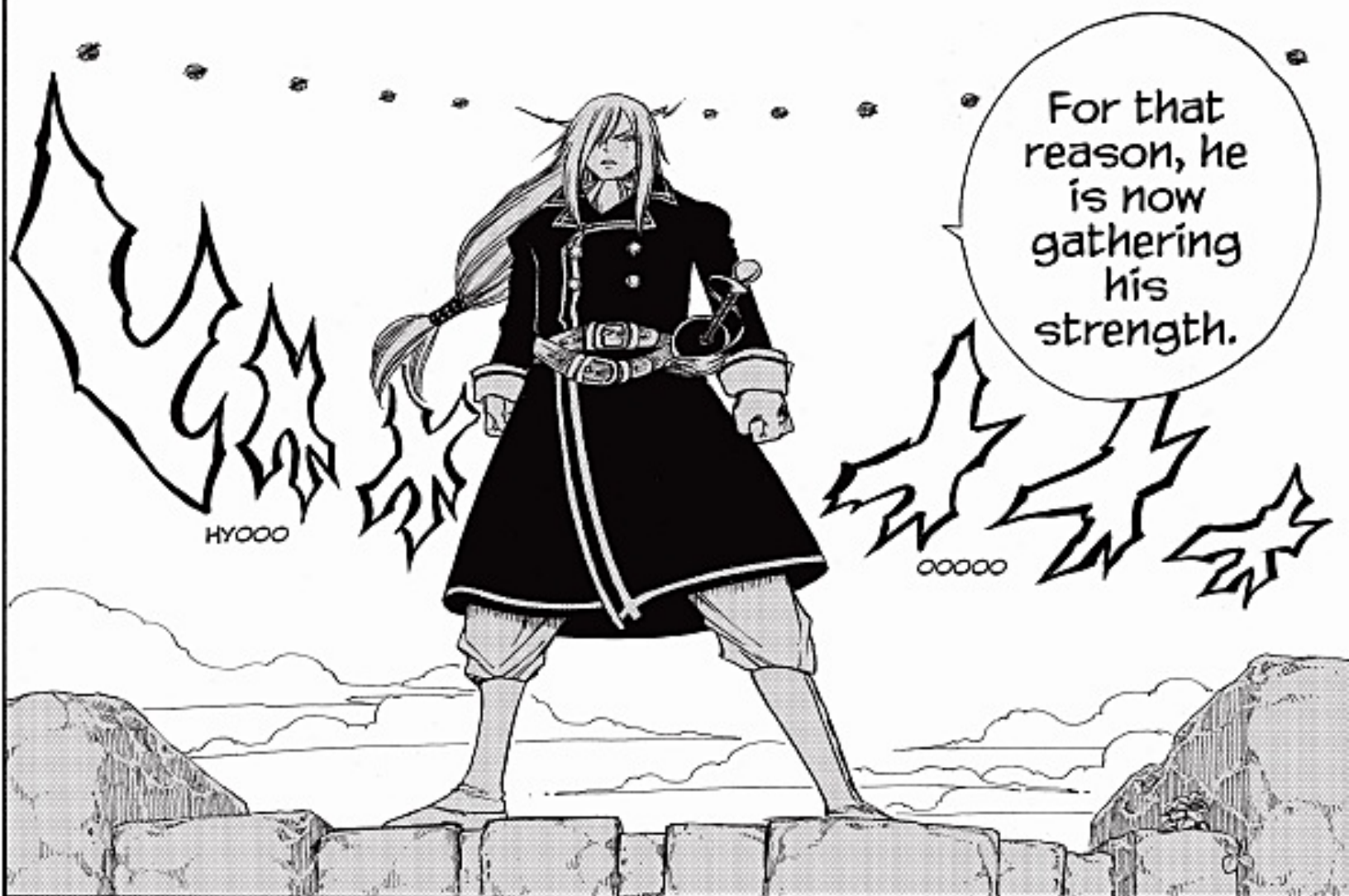
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be?

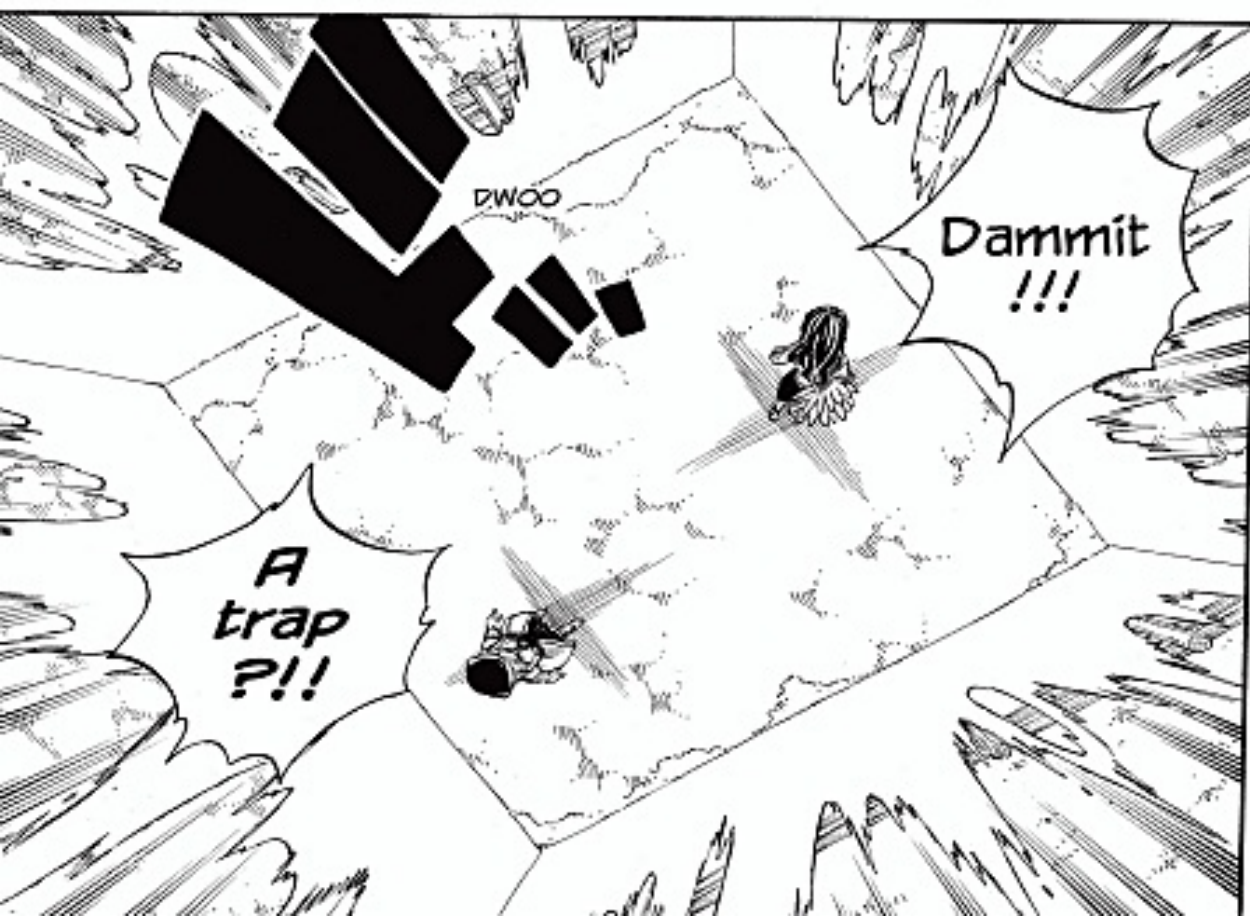
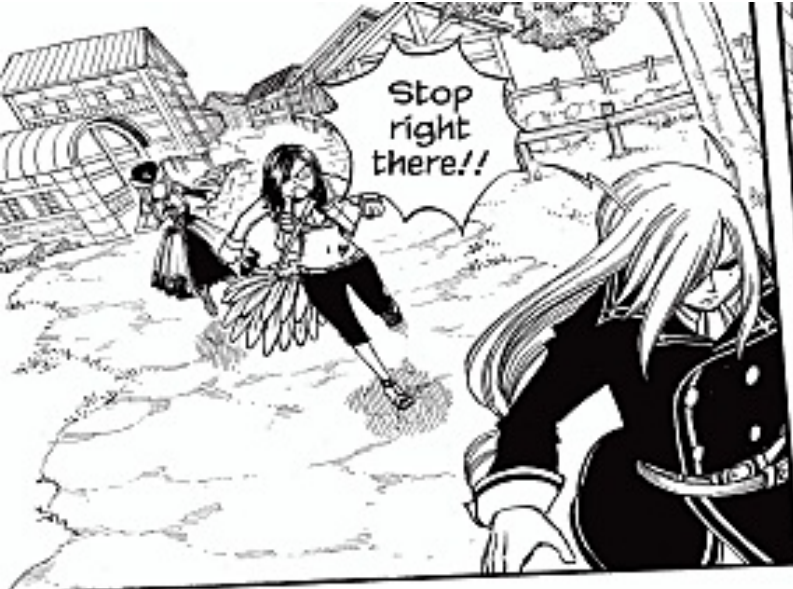
You're not
"battling"!!
You're just
hiding,
Lexus!!!

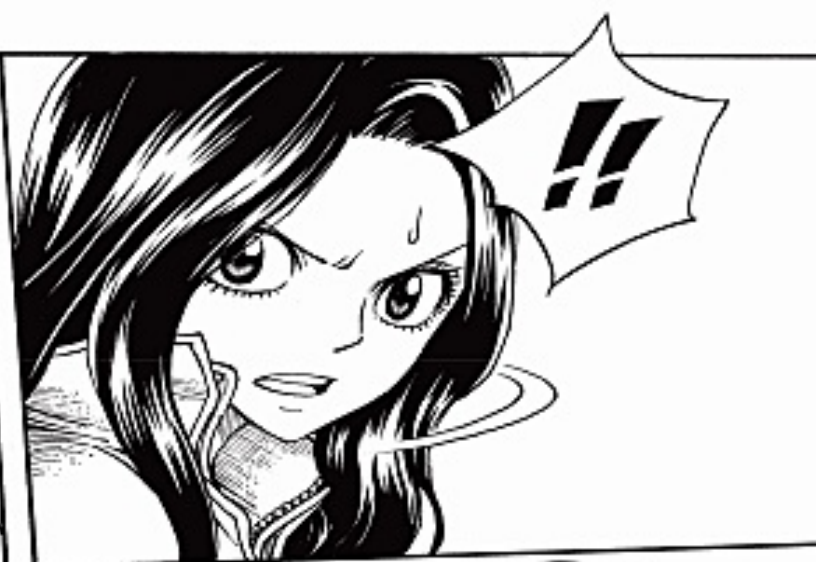
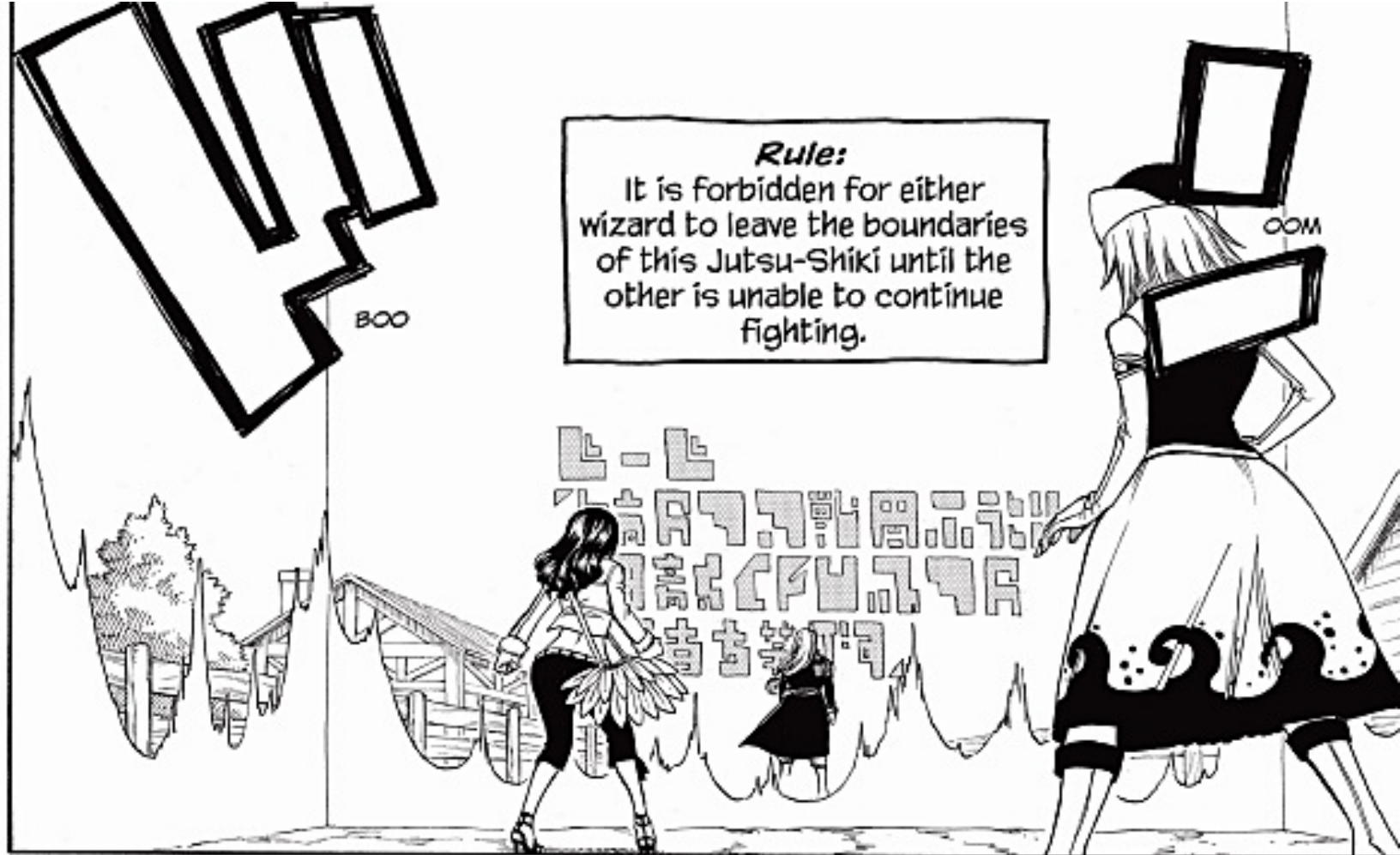
I don't
believe
this!!!
Battle of
Fairy Tail?!!
What
battle?!!

He seriously
intends to
fight the
Master.

Lexus is
gathering
his magic
power.









So this is how you forced the others to fight themselves.

Let me out of here!!!

That's a coward's way out, Fried!!!! If you want a one-on-one battle, then you don't need to do this!!!! I'll take you on!!!!



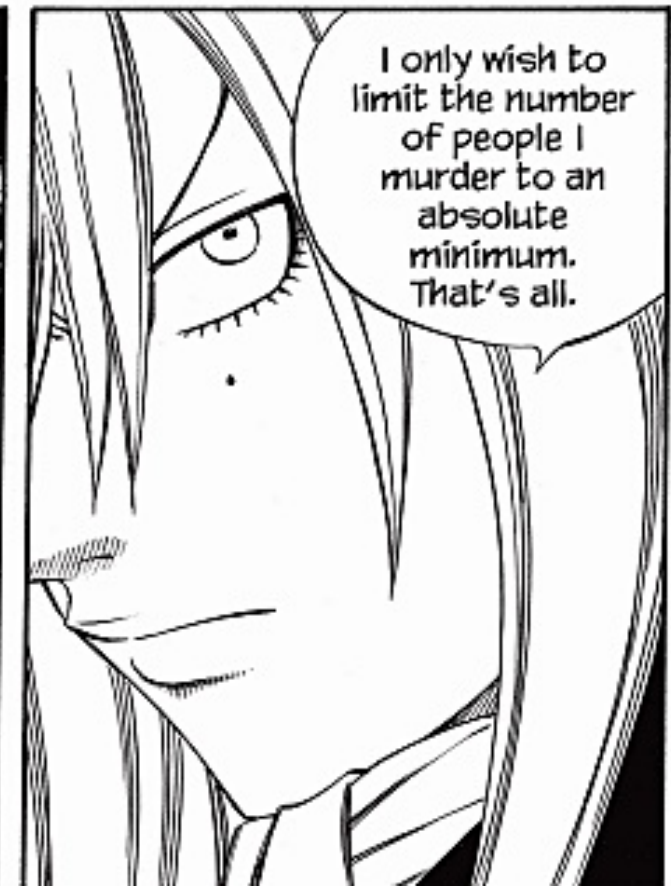
You're shivering at the thought of taking on two girls!!! Pathetic, Fried!!!



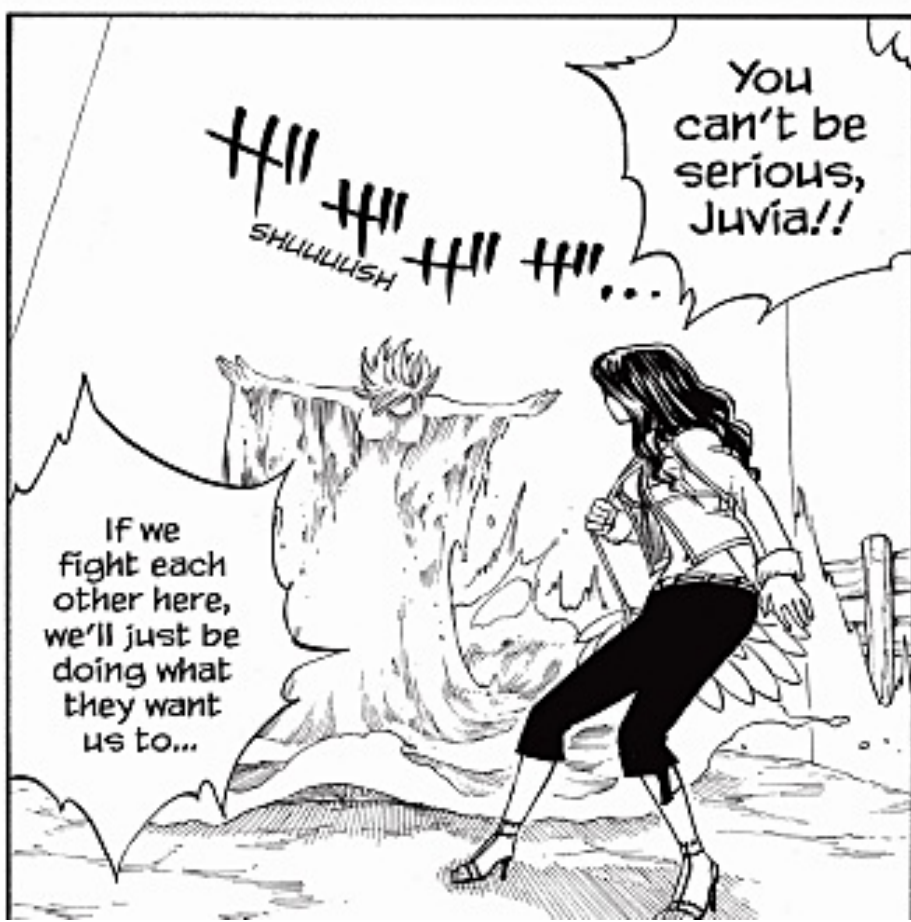
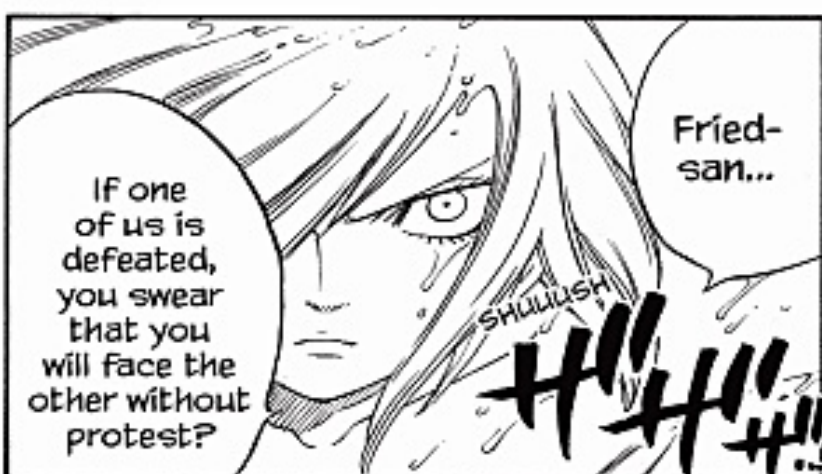
Oh, I get it!!! You're afraid to battle two of us at once, right?!

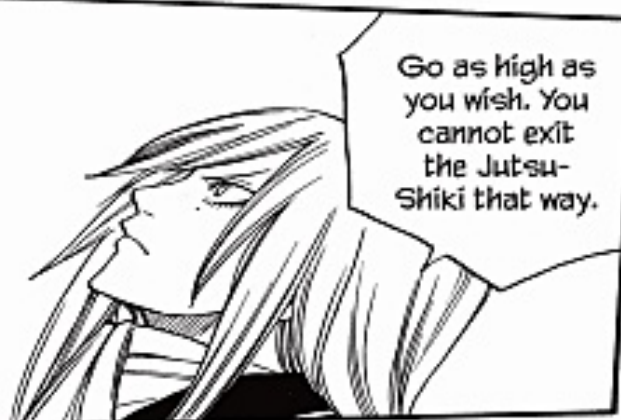


What was that, you jerk?!!!!



I only wish to limit the number of people I murder to an absolute minimum. That's all.







She can't be thinking... ?!!

She's heading toward the lacrima crystals...



Don't do it!!!
You can't take that kind of attack!!!



If someone must be wounded...

...rather than wound a comrade...



Escape using the path Juvia makes !!!!





*You
are a
Fairy
Tail
wizard!!!!
One
of our
best!!!!*

*You
were one
of us
from the
minute
you
joined!!!!
You're
a friend
already!!!!*

SLUMP

Juvia
is...
happy...



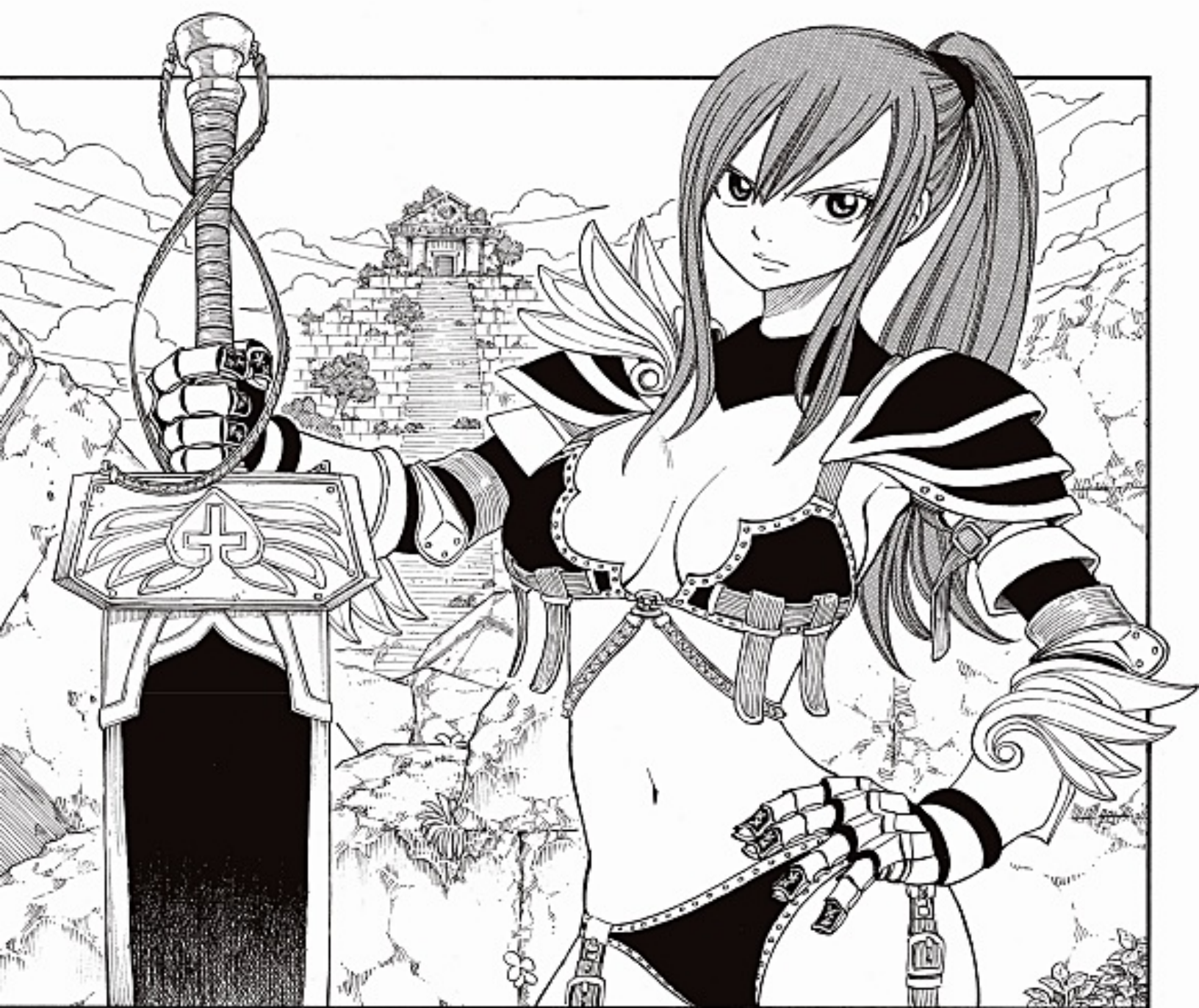
*Juviaaaa
!!!!*

Choosing
a path that
would allow
somebody
else to
survive over
yourself...

What
kind of
twisted
logic is
that...?



FAIRY TAIL



**Chapter 117:
Satan's Halo**





Eventually, I'm going to have to reclaim my honor through a rematch with Salamander, but...

Heh!

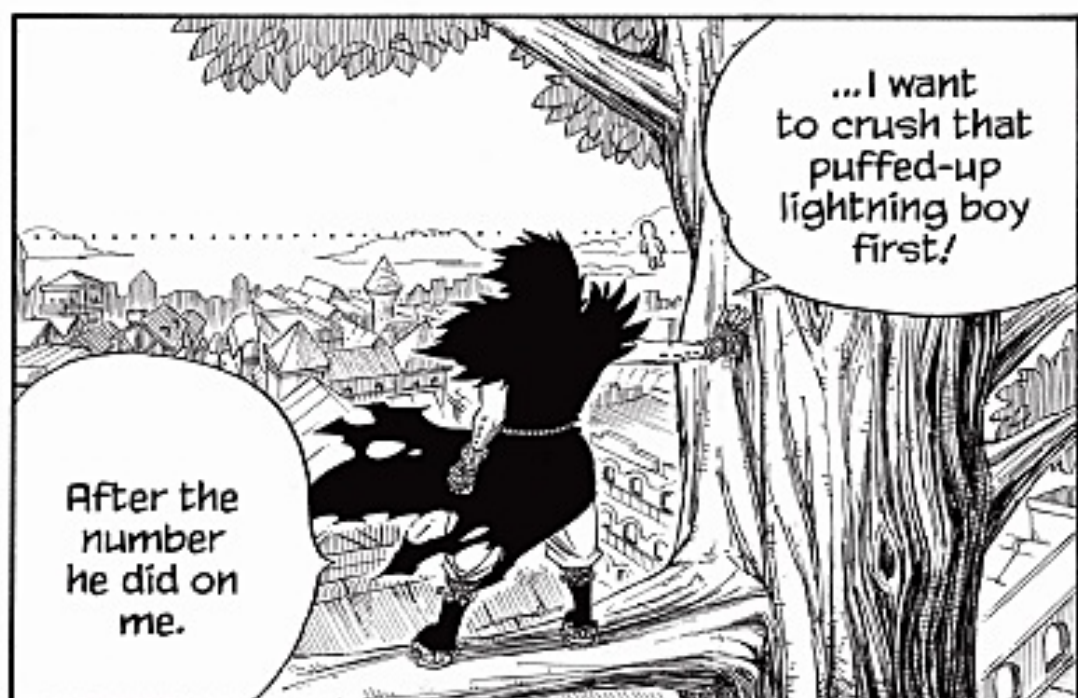


"So once you leave here, make sure to take separate routes!"

"If you guys get caught up in one, there's no way to help you."

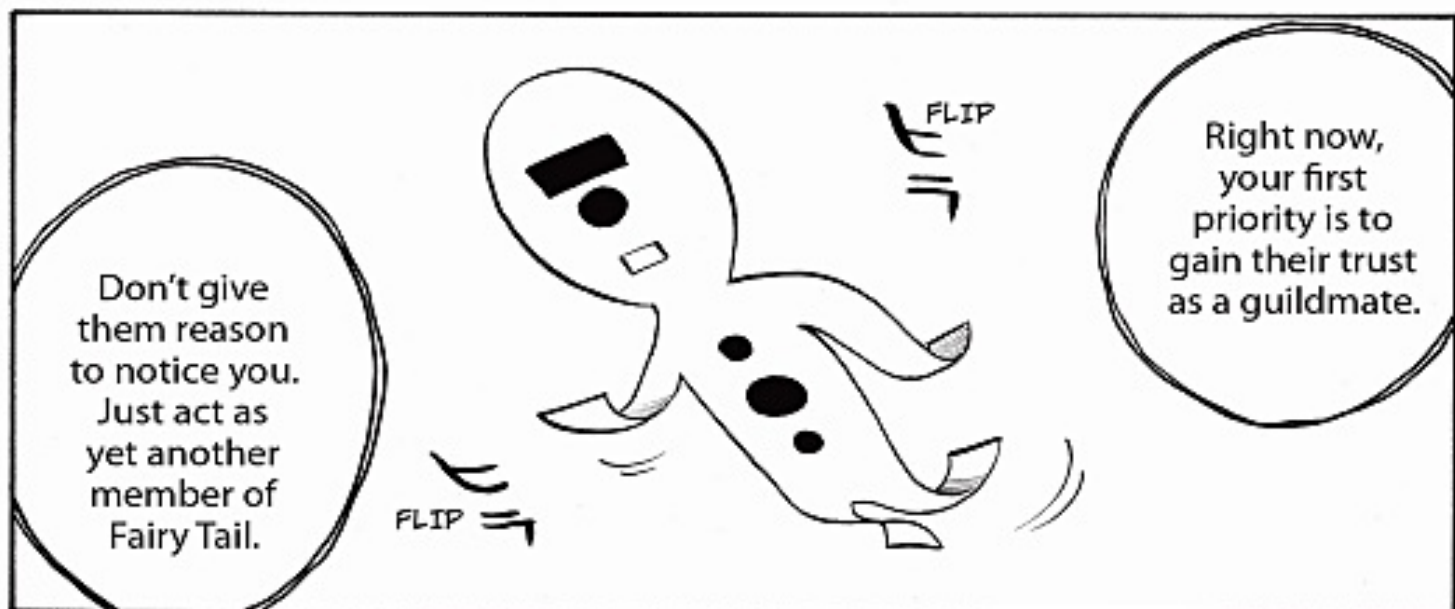


You got no problems with that, right, Master Iwan?



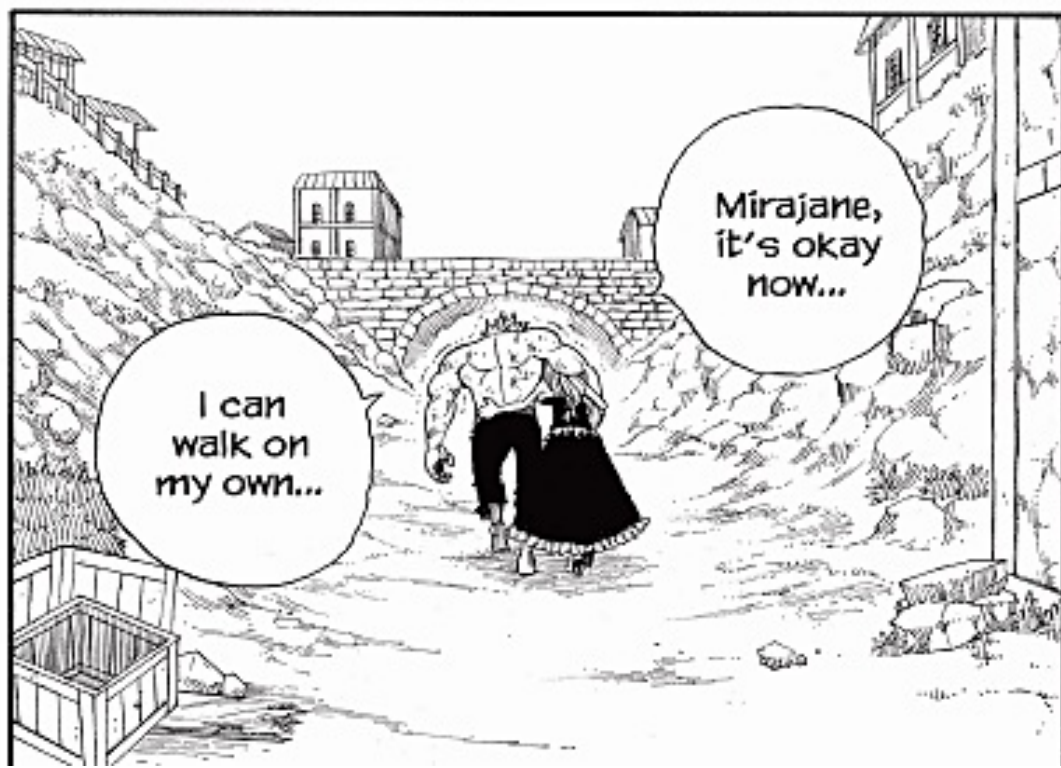
After the number he did on me.

...I want to crush that puffed-up lightning boy first!

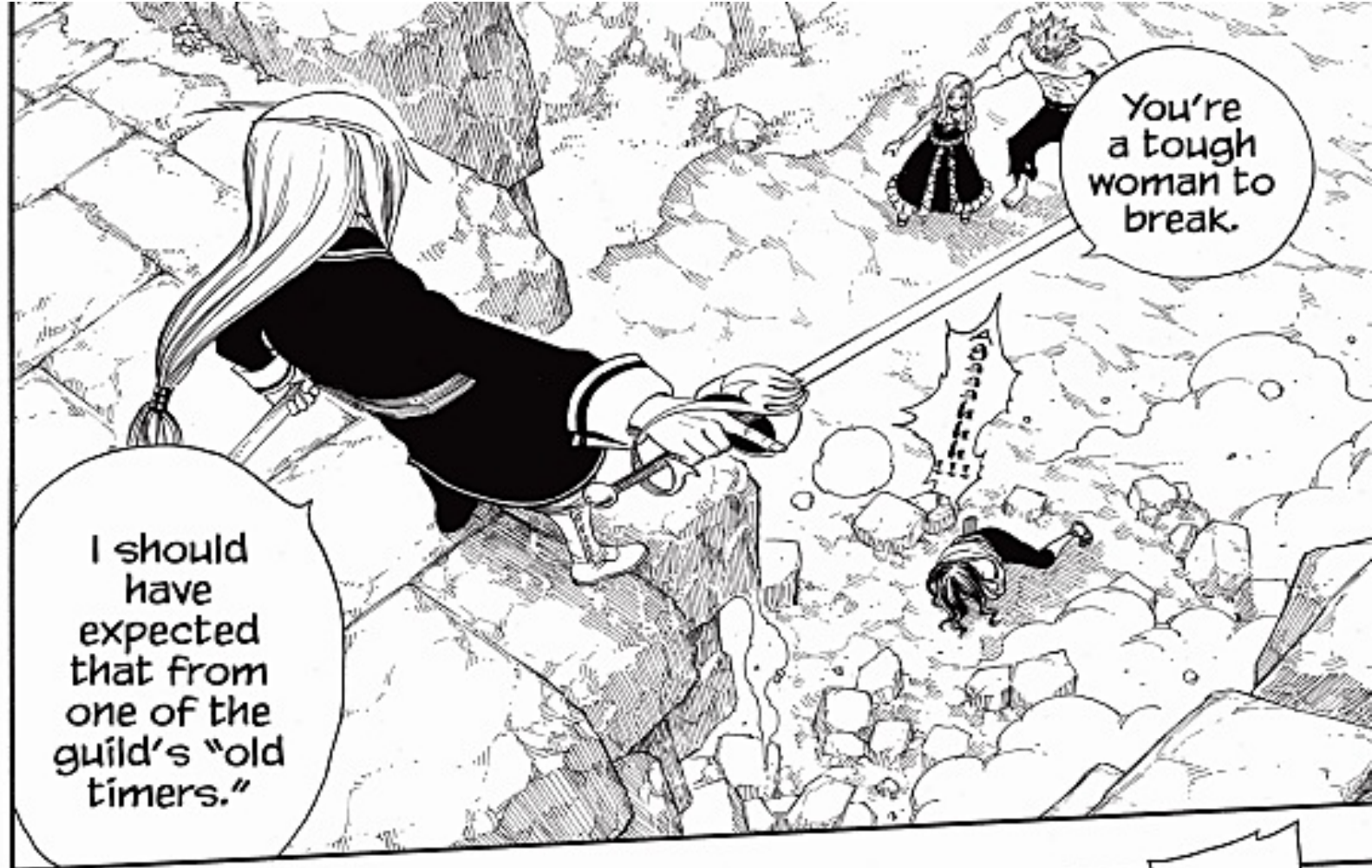


Don't give them reason to notice you. Just act as yet another member of Fairy Tail.

Right now, your first priority is to gain their trust as a guildmate.







Even if you are, you've already lost to Ever and have no right to return to the game.

Are you my next opponent, Elfman?

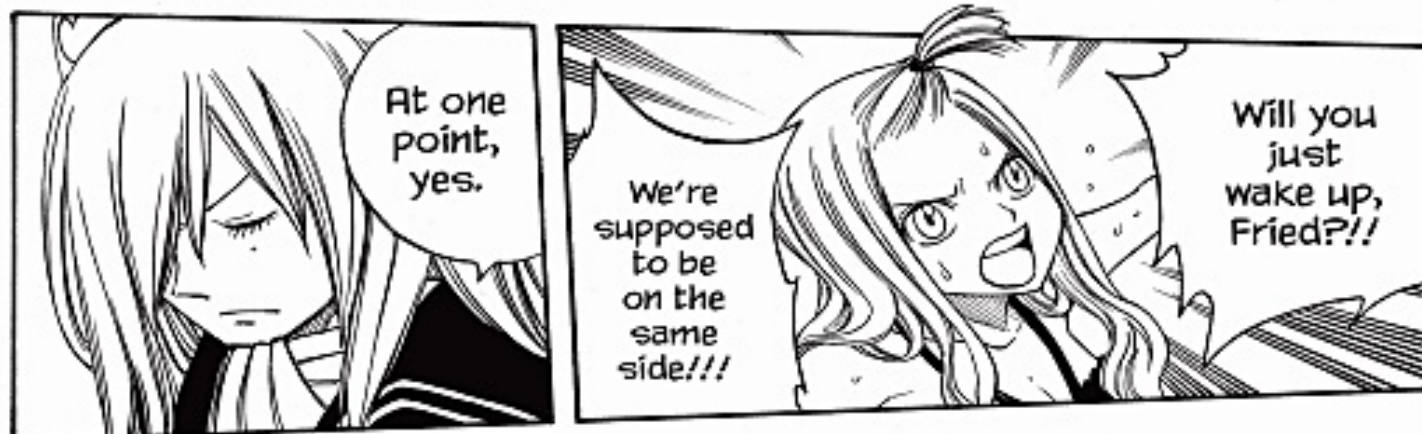
Shut up!!!



At one point, yes.

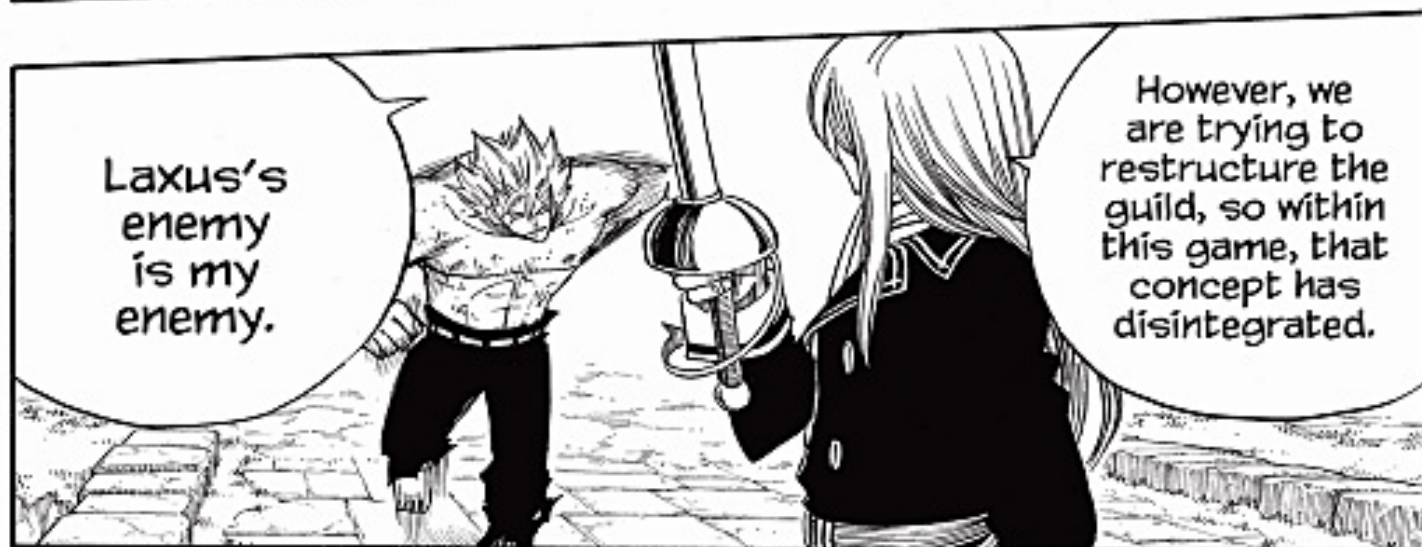
We're supposed to be on the same side!!!

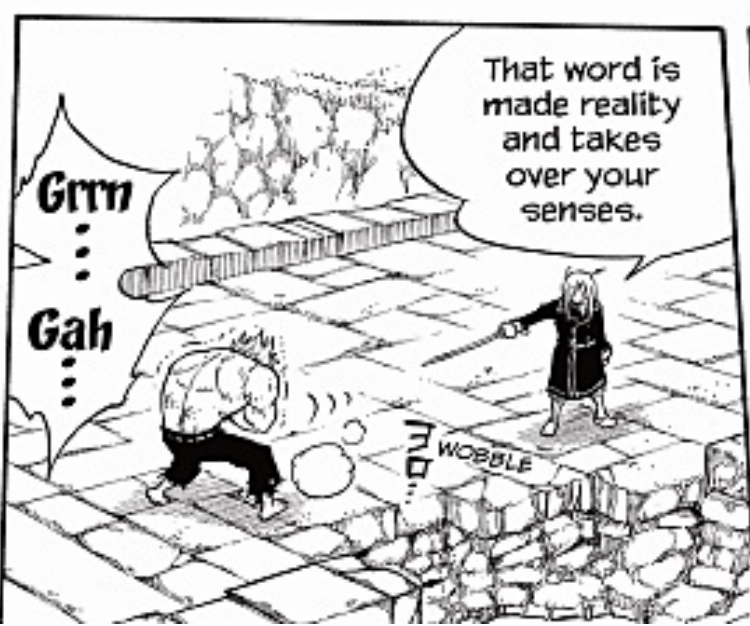
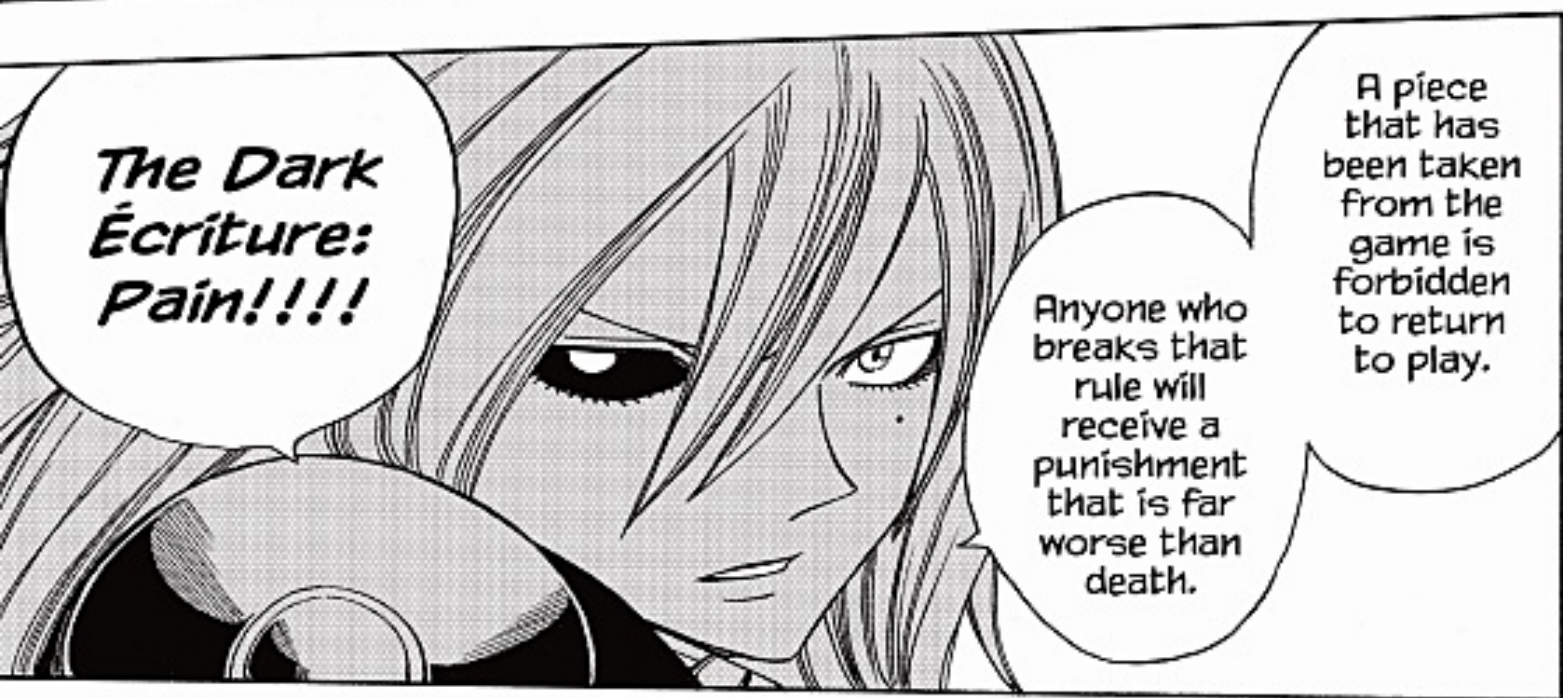
Will you just wake up, Fried?!!

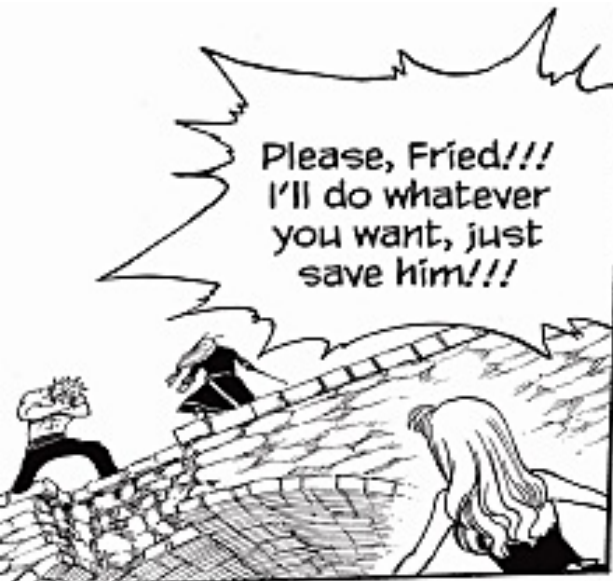


Laxus's enemy is my enemy.

However, we are trying to restructure the guild, so within this game, that concept has disintegrated.







Please, Fried!!!
I'll do whatever
you want, just
save him!!!



Dark
Écriture:
Suffer!!!



Stop it,
Fried!!!
Elfman
can't
fight
anymore
!!!



Gak...
Urg...

Gya
aaa
ah...

Pain!!!

Pain!!!

Pain!!!

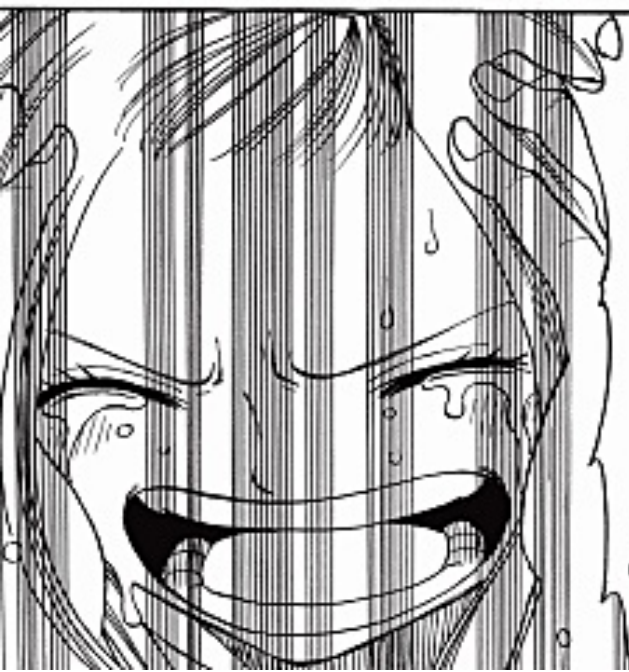
Aaangh...

Pain!!!

Pain!!!

Pain!!!

Dark
Écriture:



NOOOOOO!!!



KRITCH

KRITCH

BACHIKK

KRITCH

KRITCH

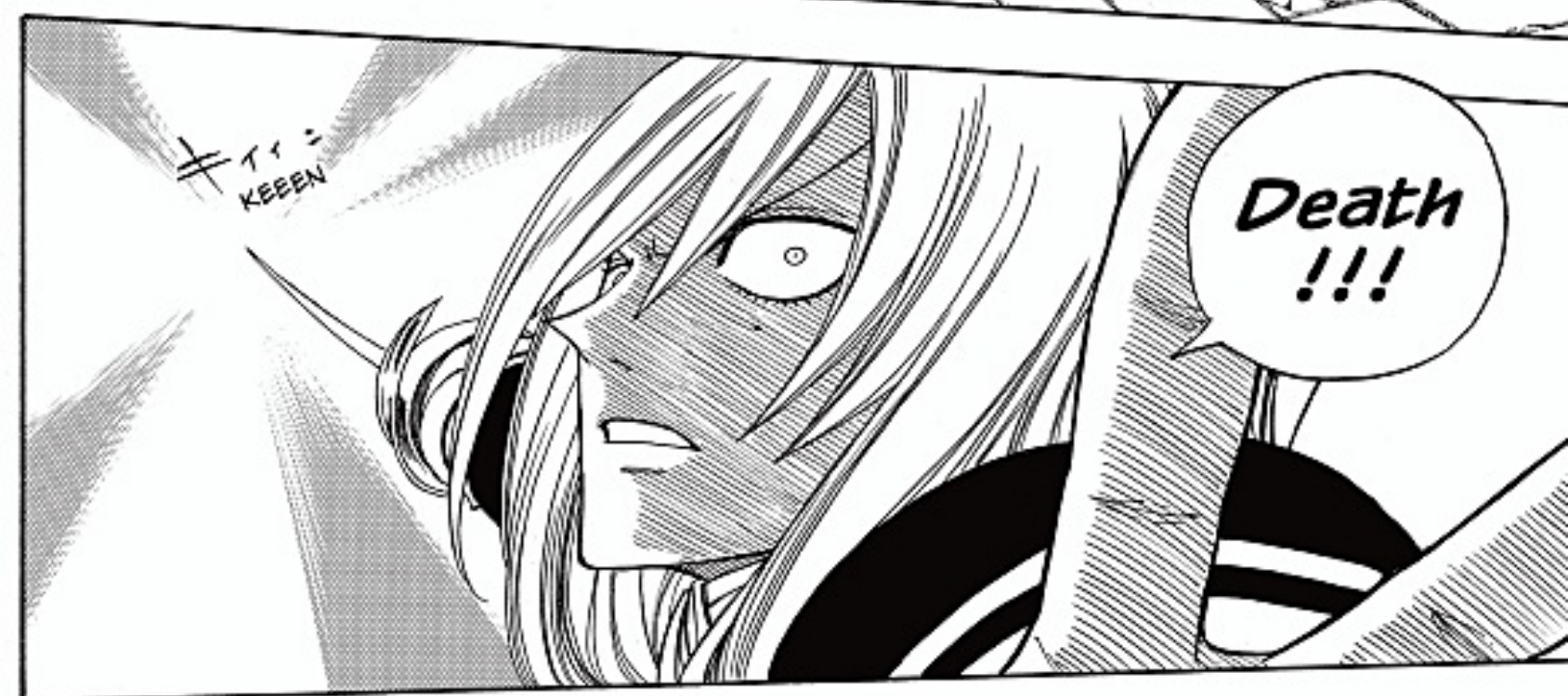
KRITCH

GAKIK

Uafwaaaaa!!!!

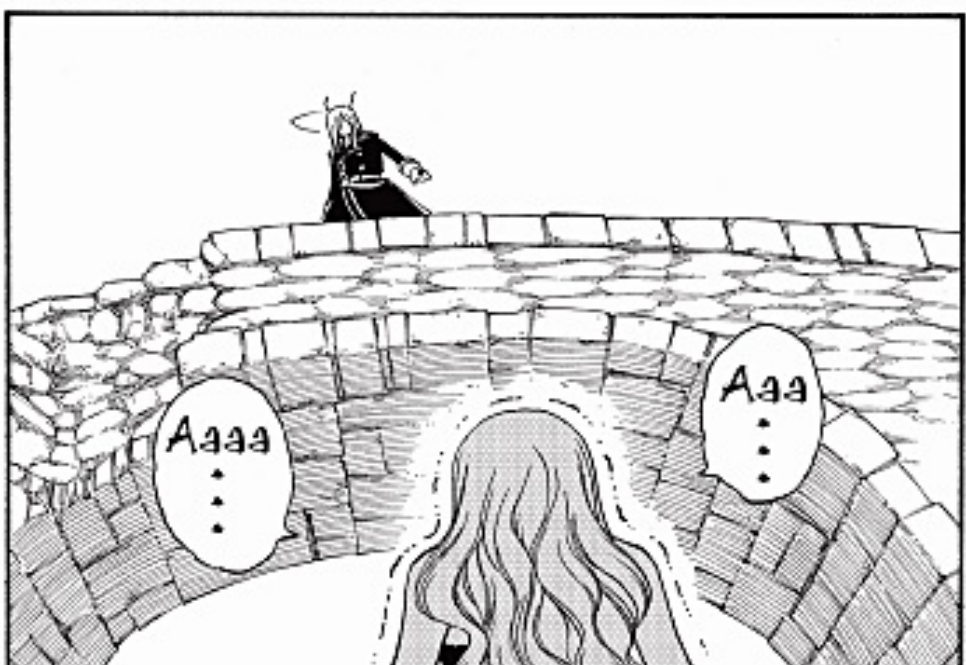
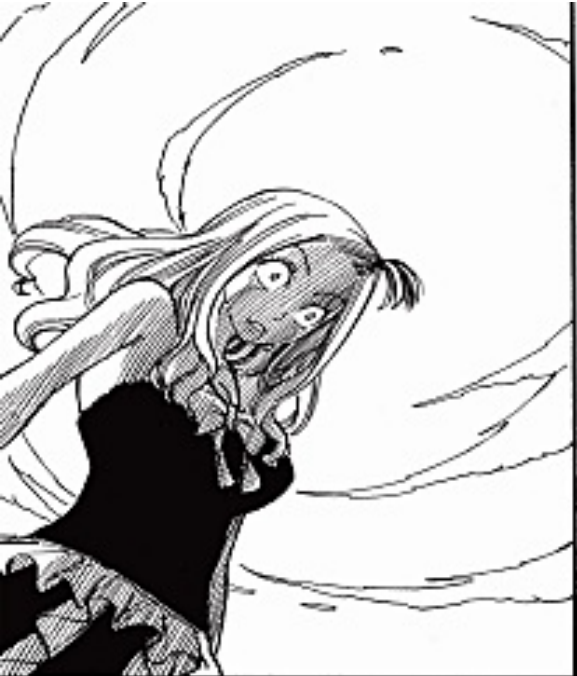


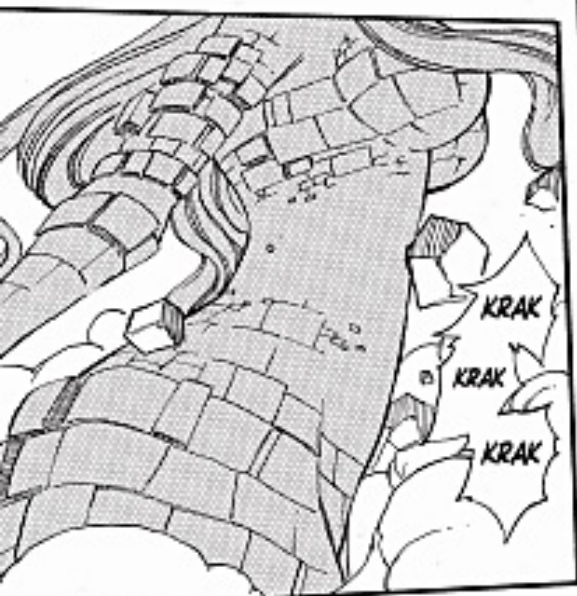
**Stop
it
!!!!**



**Death...
?!!**





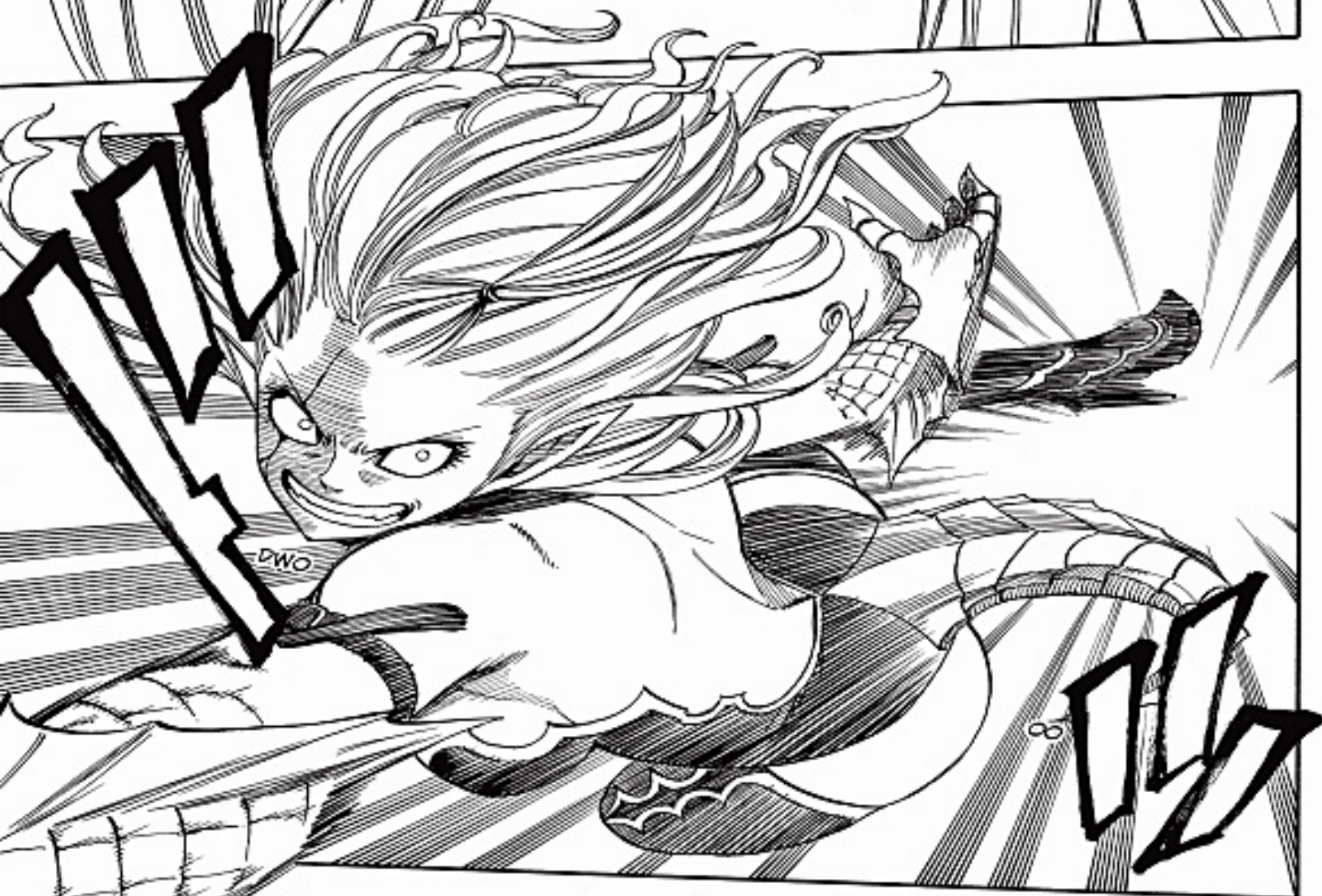
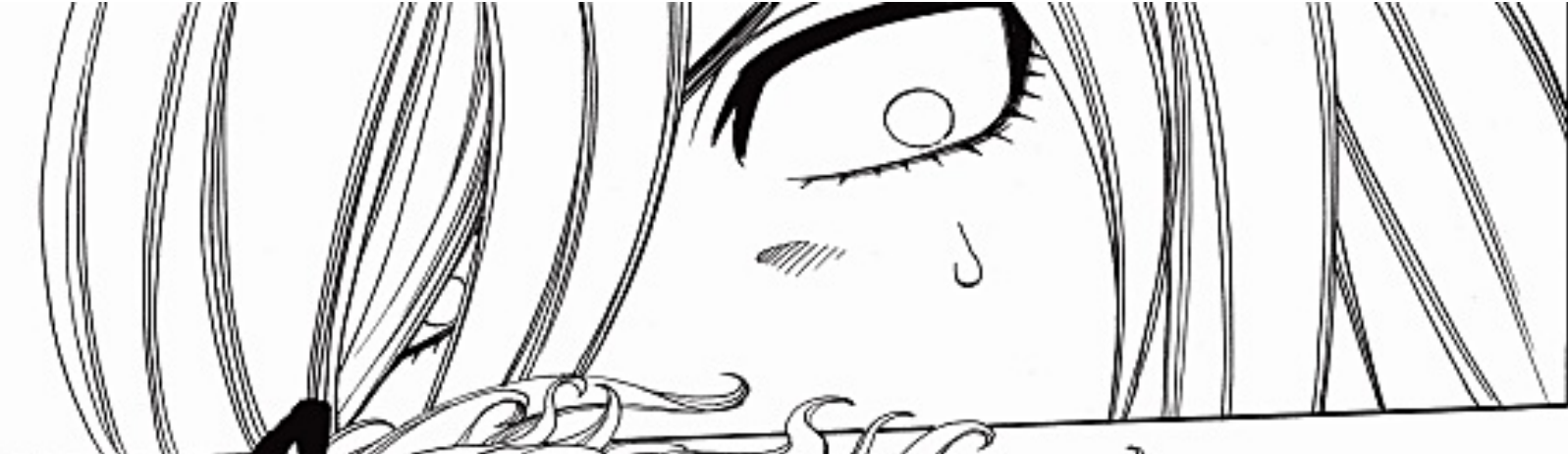


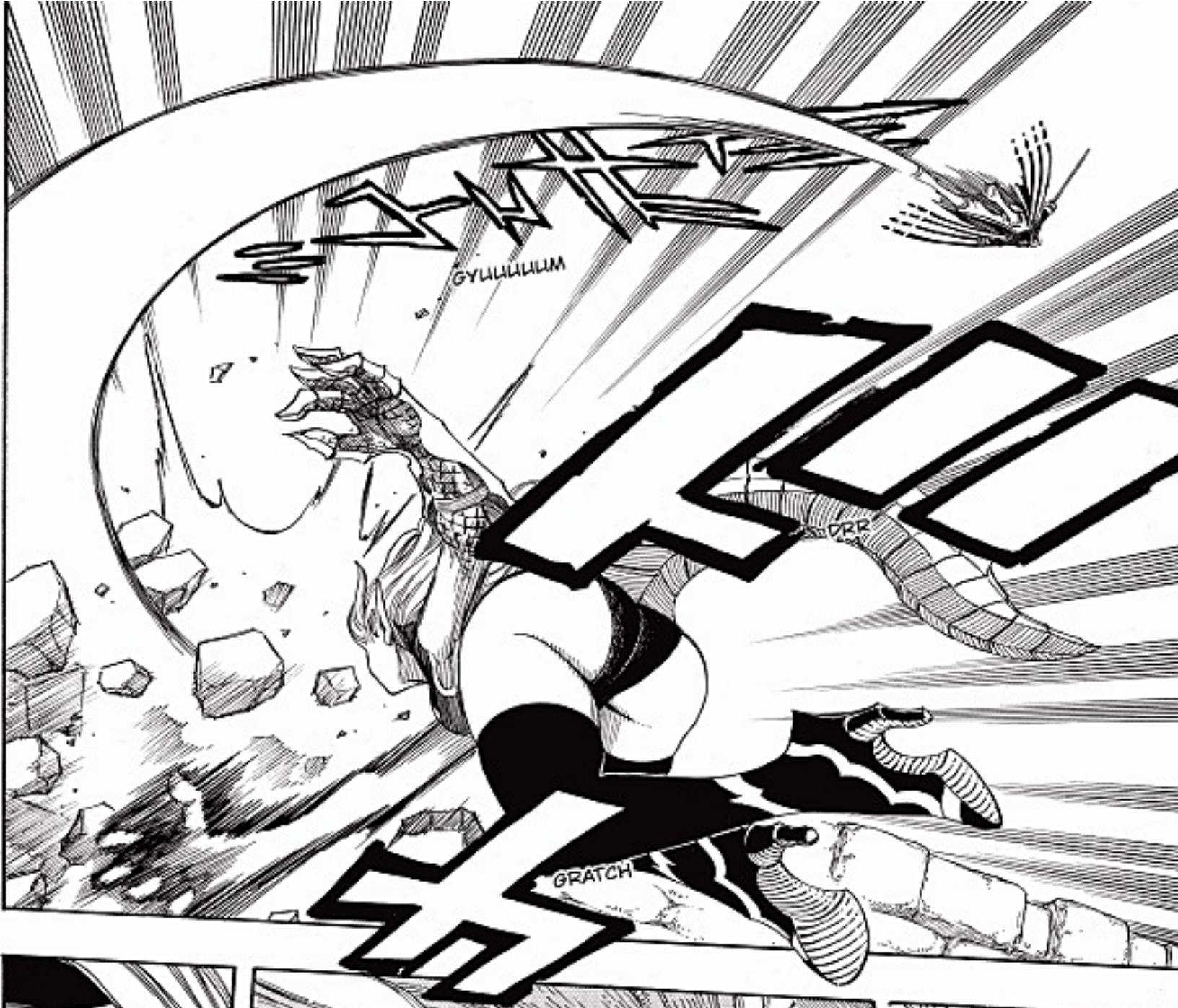
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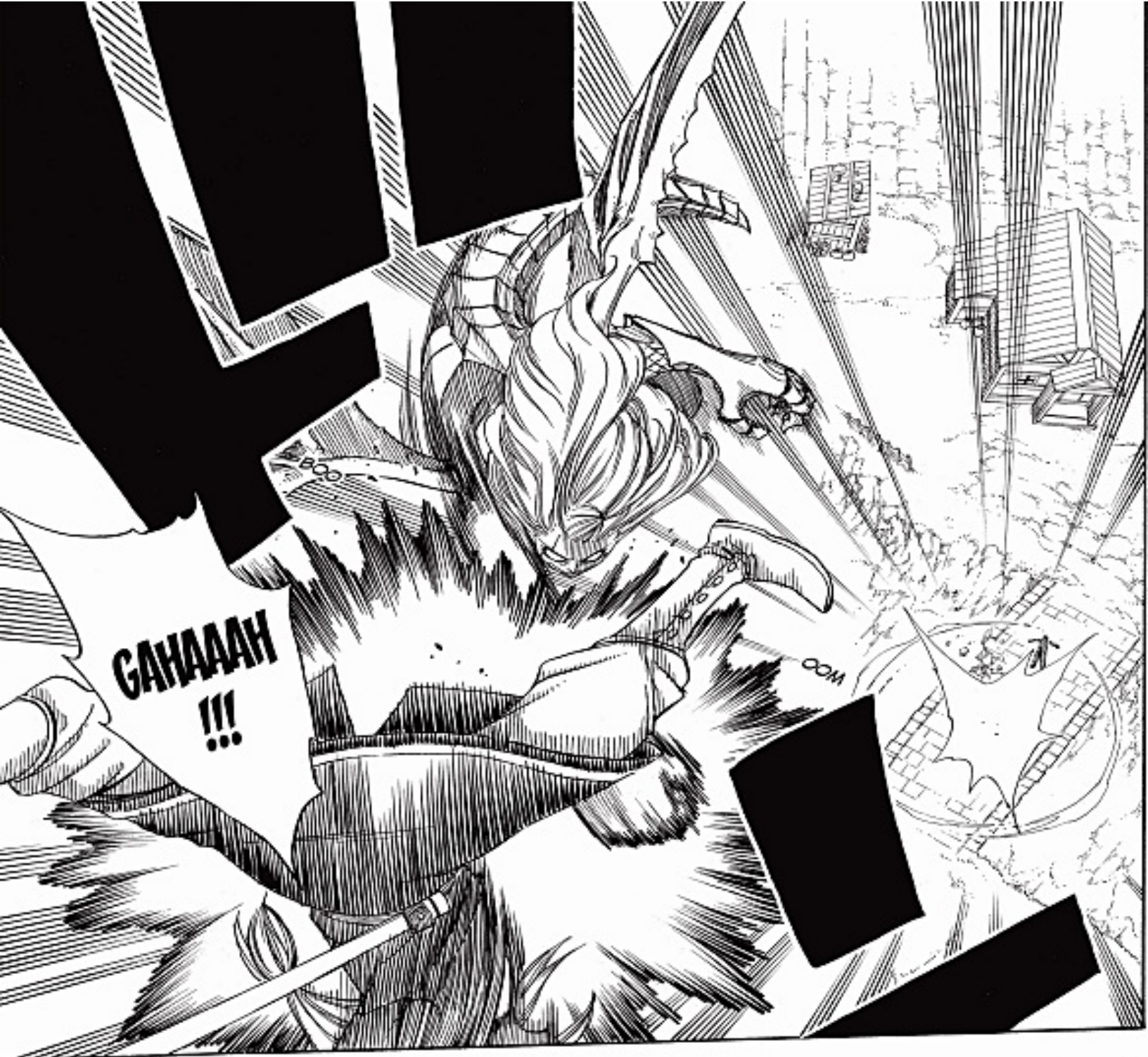














*You
die!*



***Satan
Soul
!!!!***

Th-this is
Mirajane's
demon
take-over
...?
?

FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 118:
Gentle Words





Dark
Écriture...







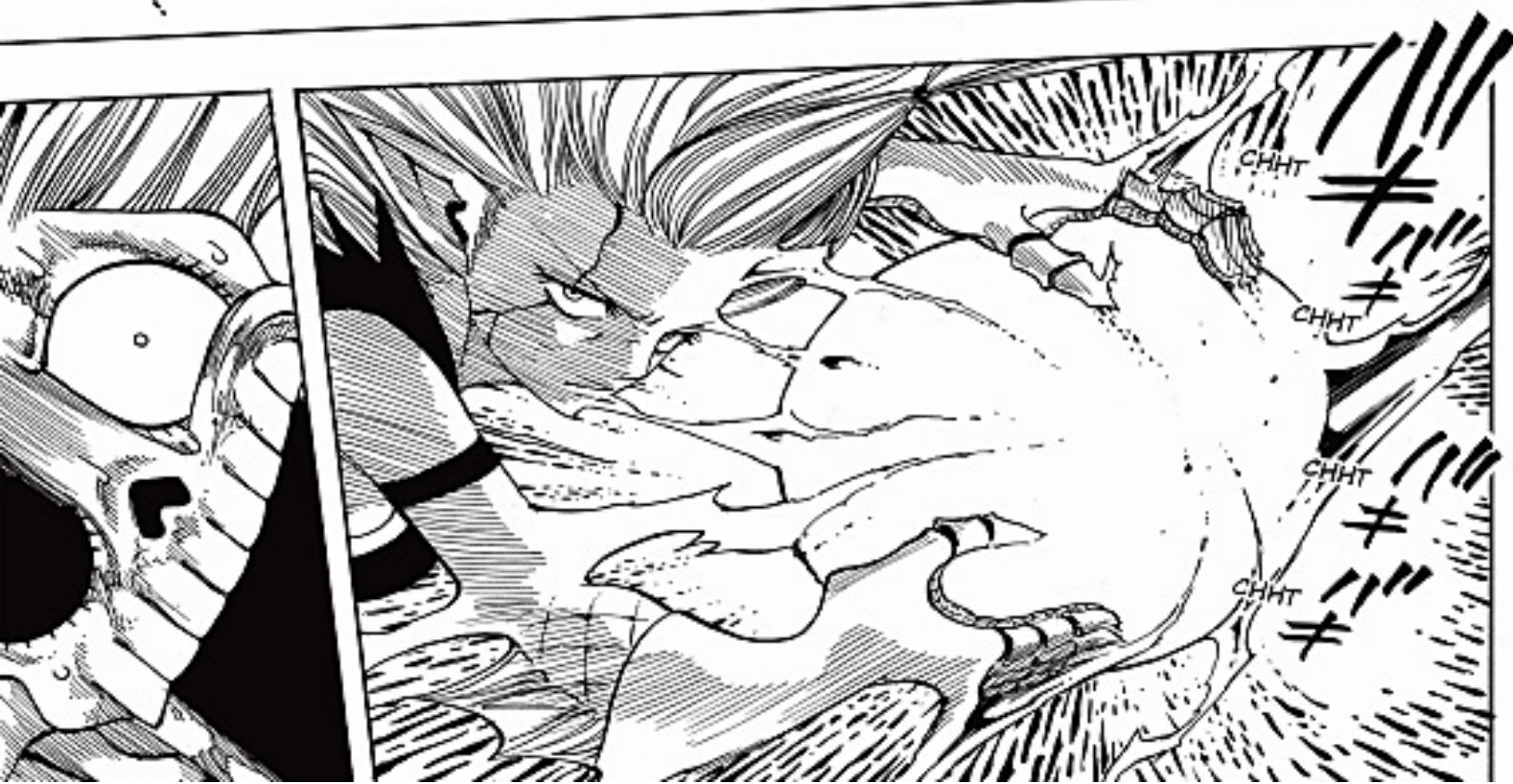
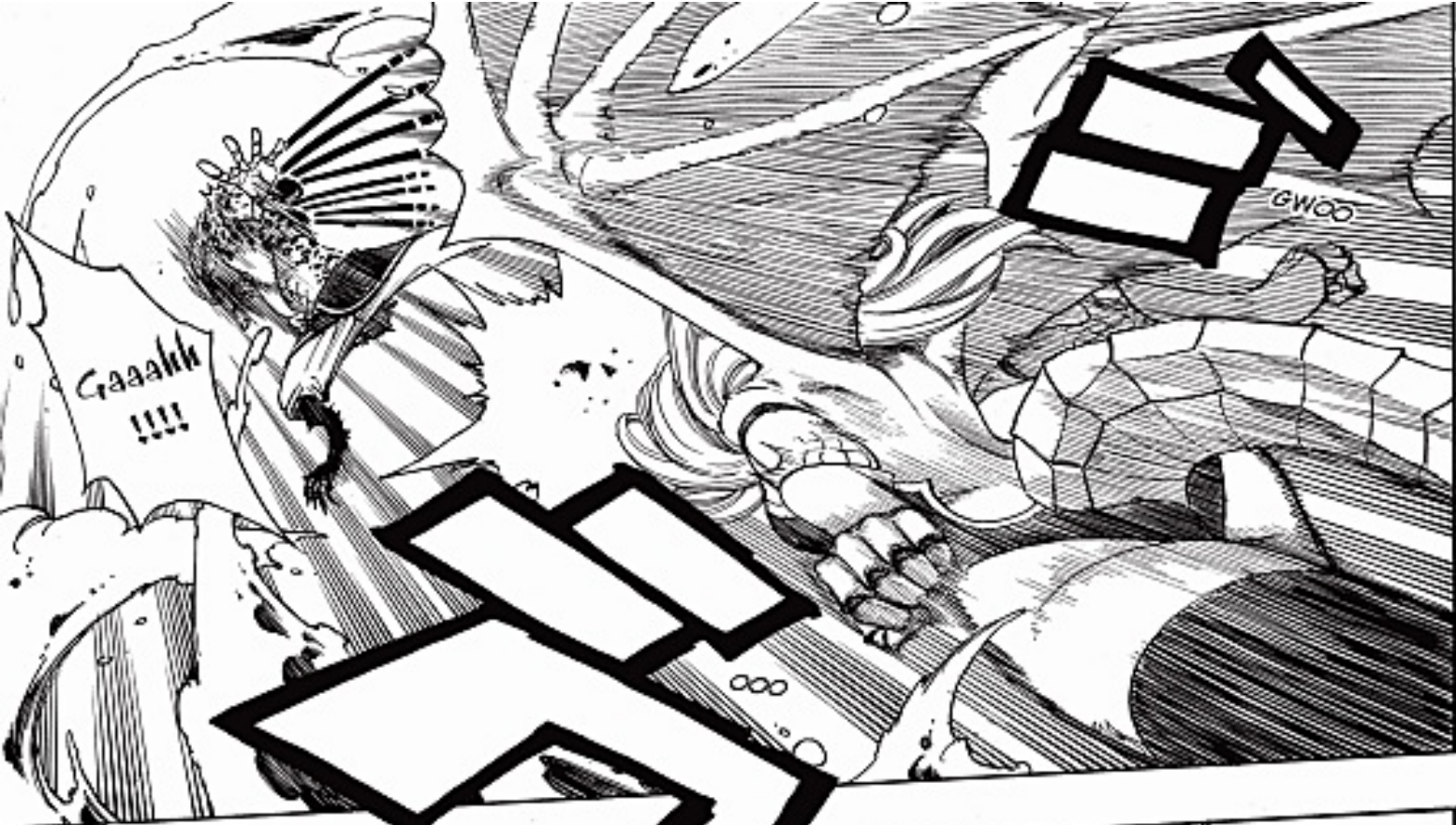


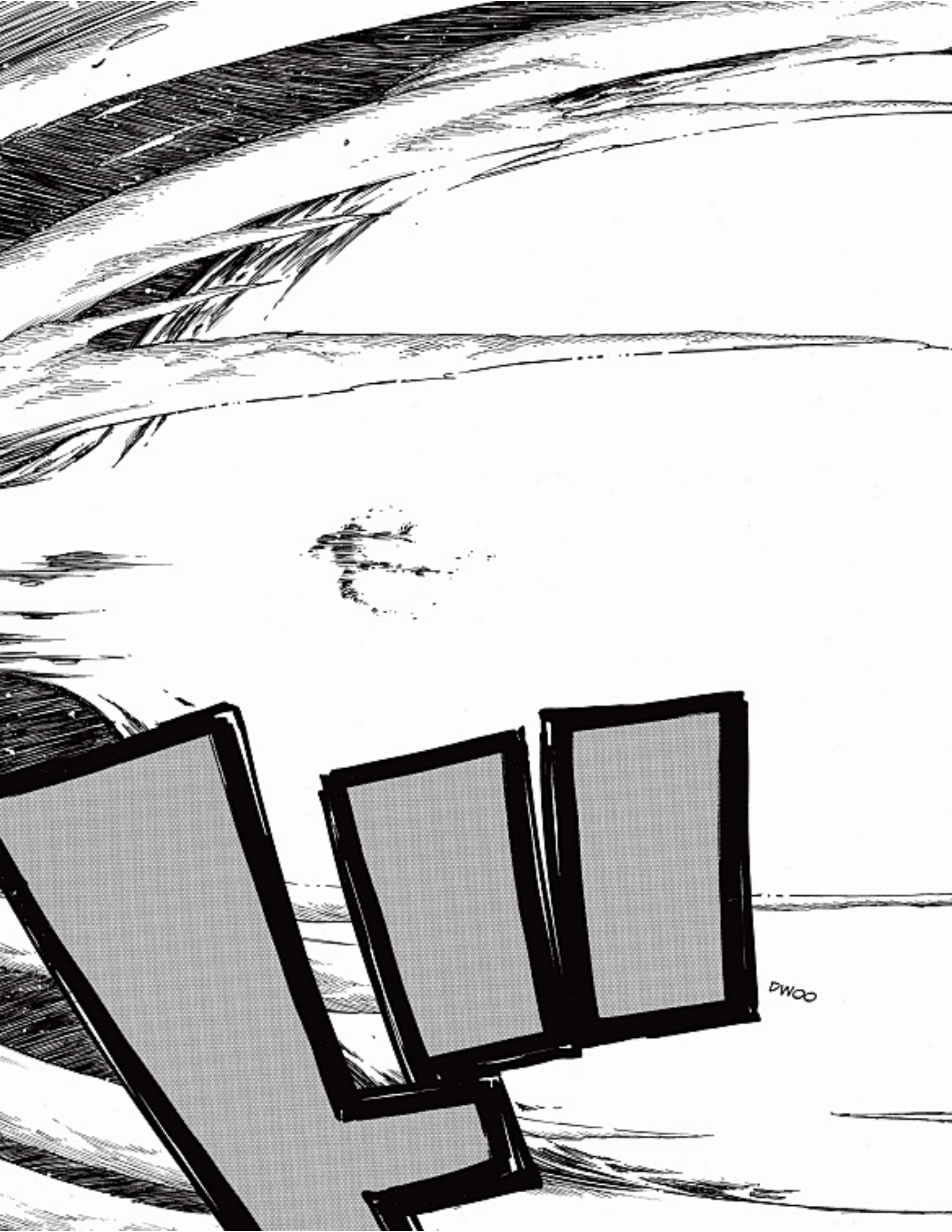


Guwaahh!!!

ZHA

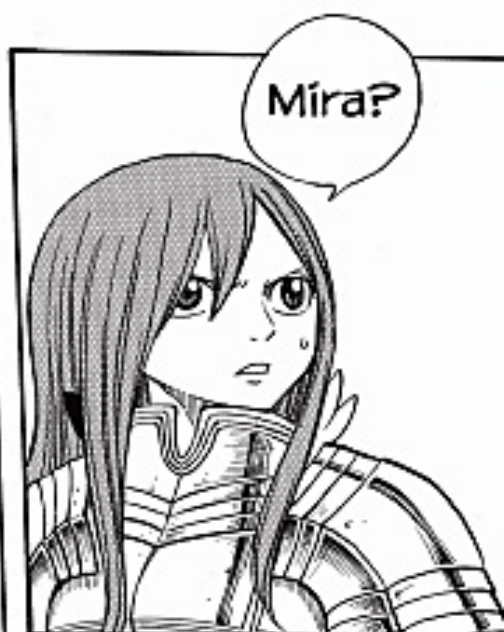
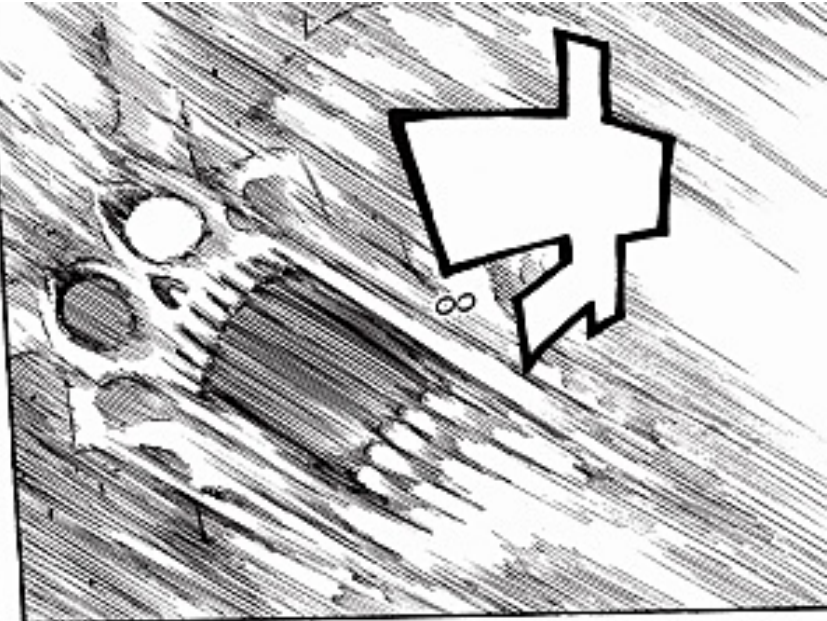
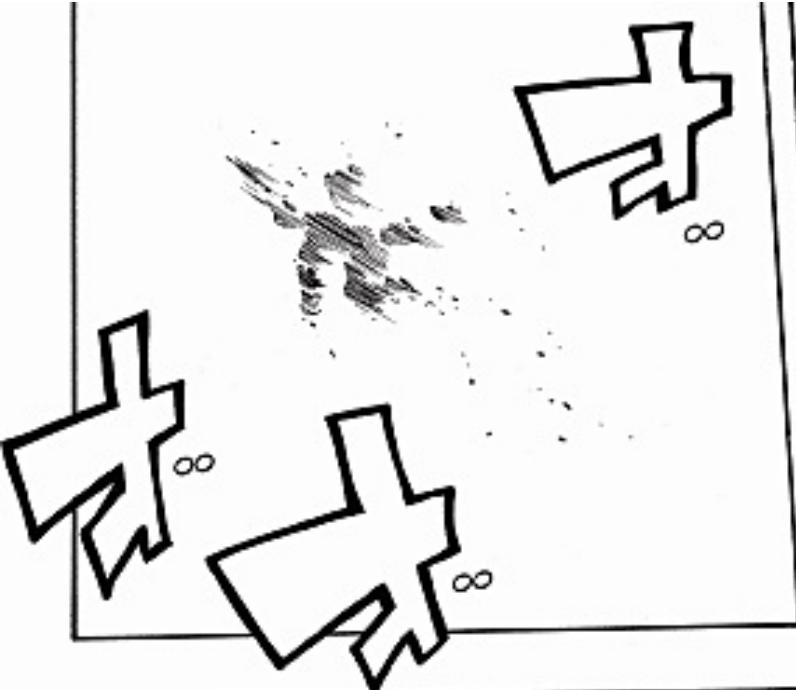
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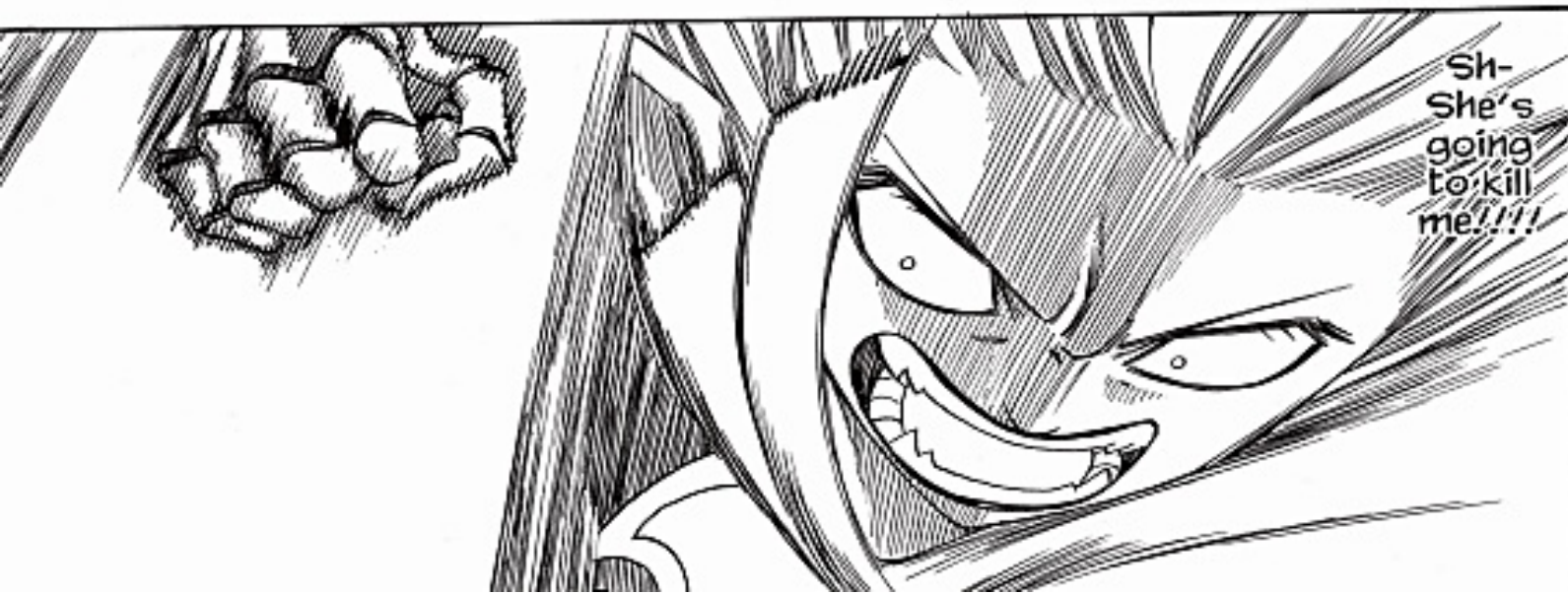
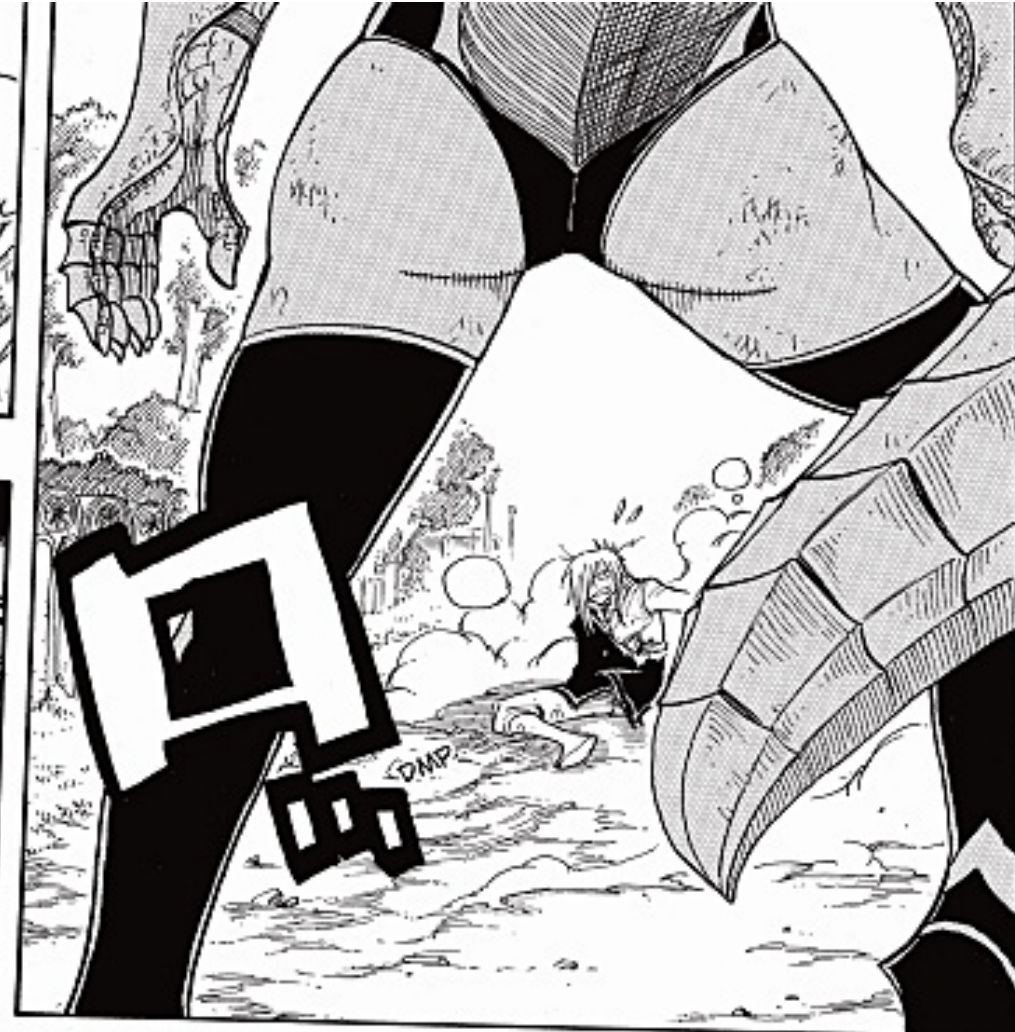


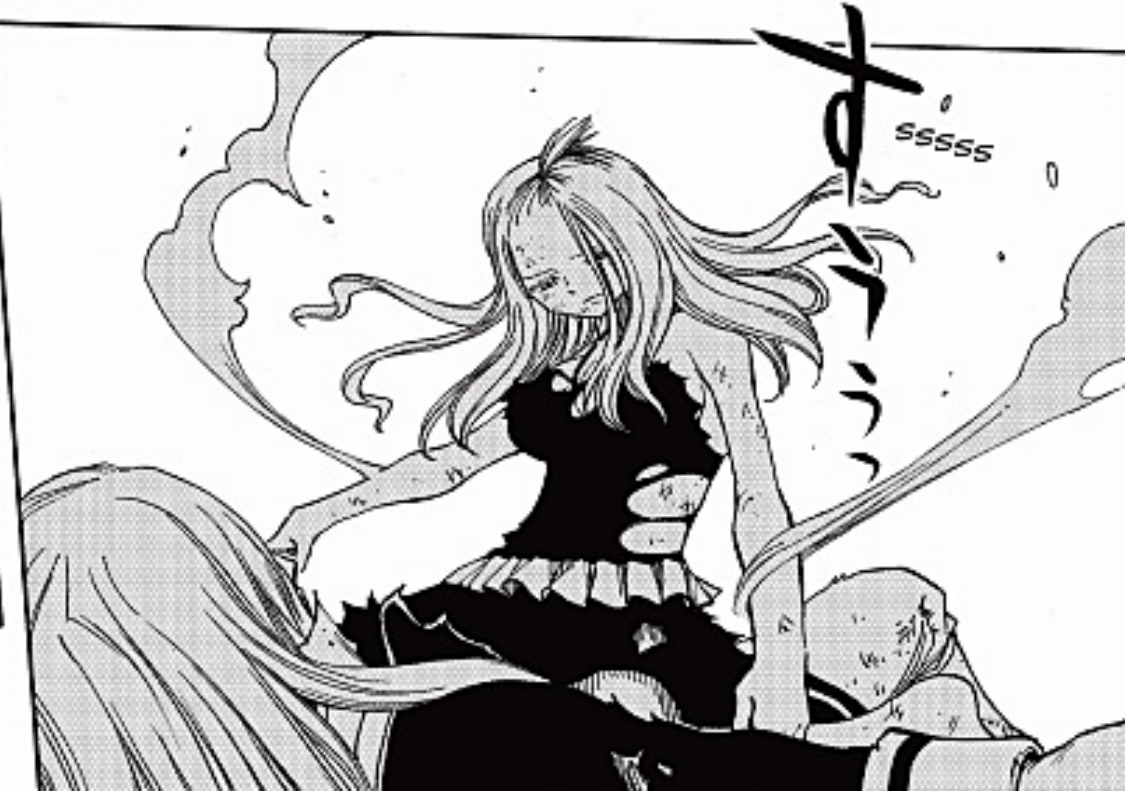
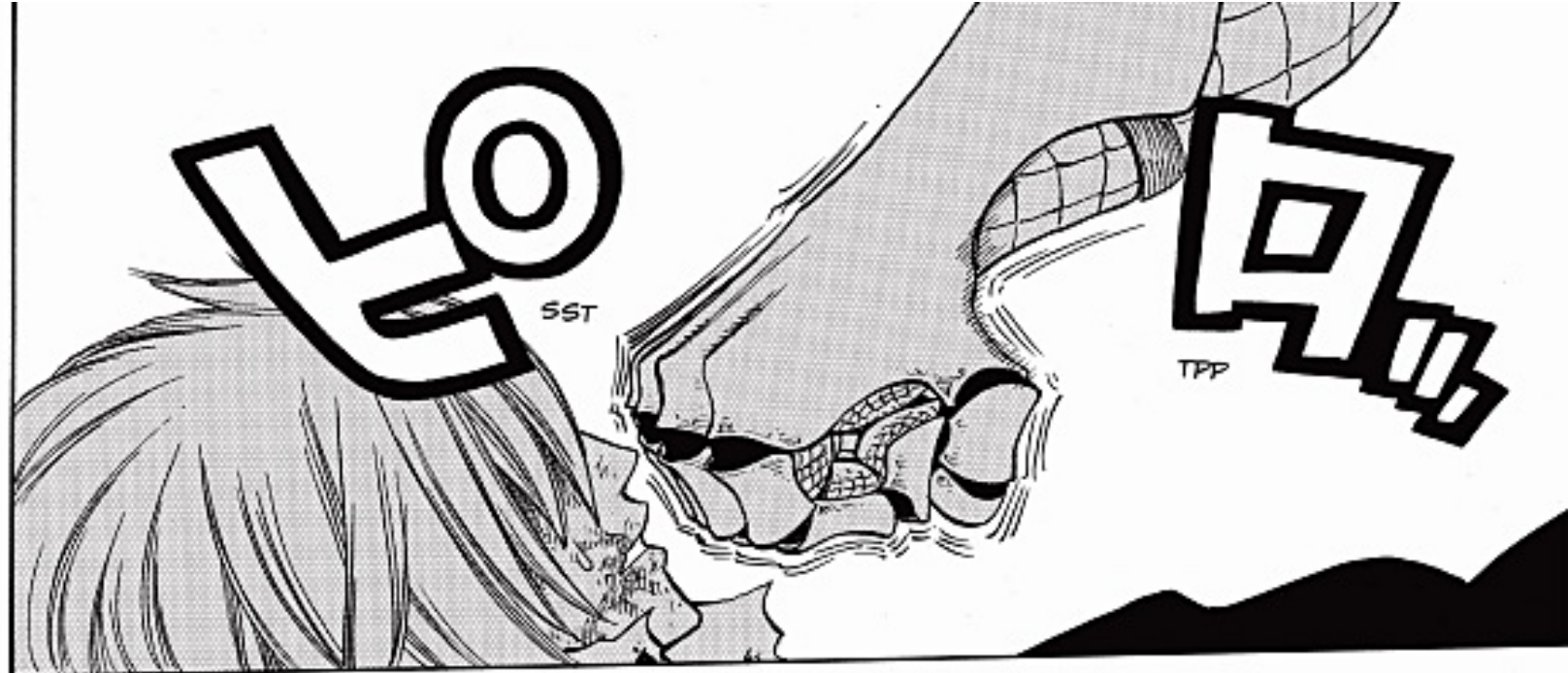


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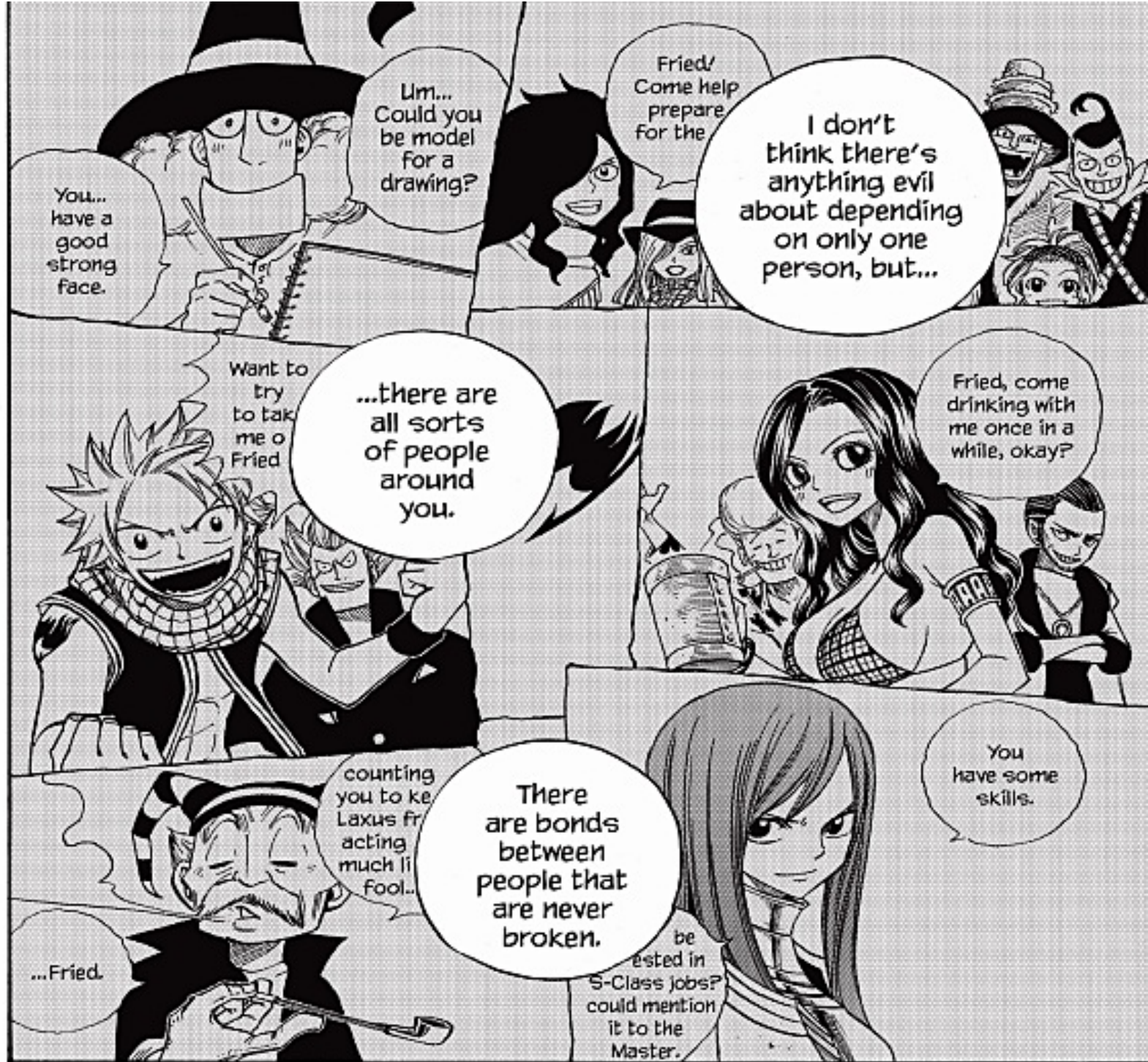


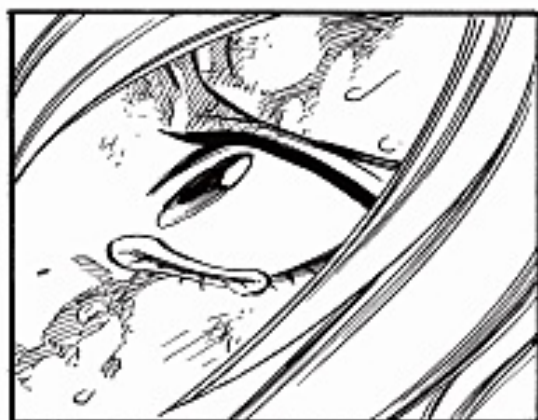


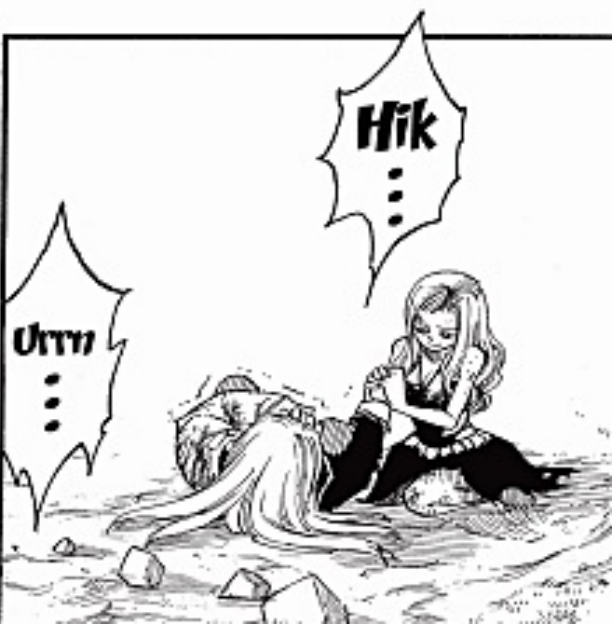


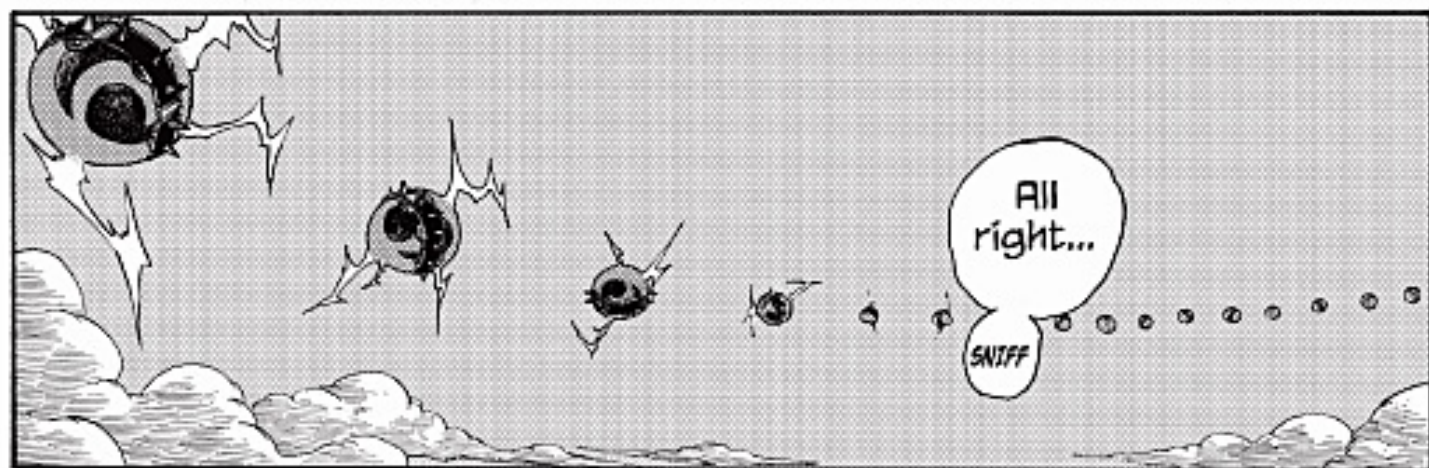


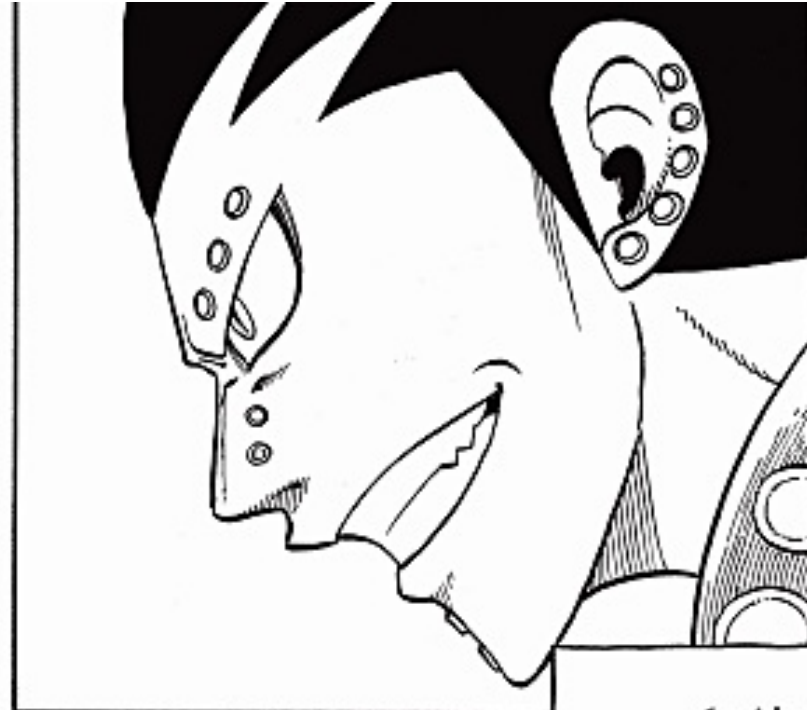








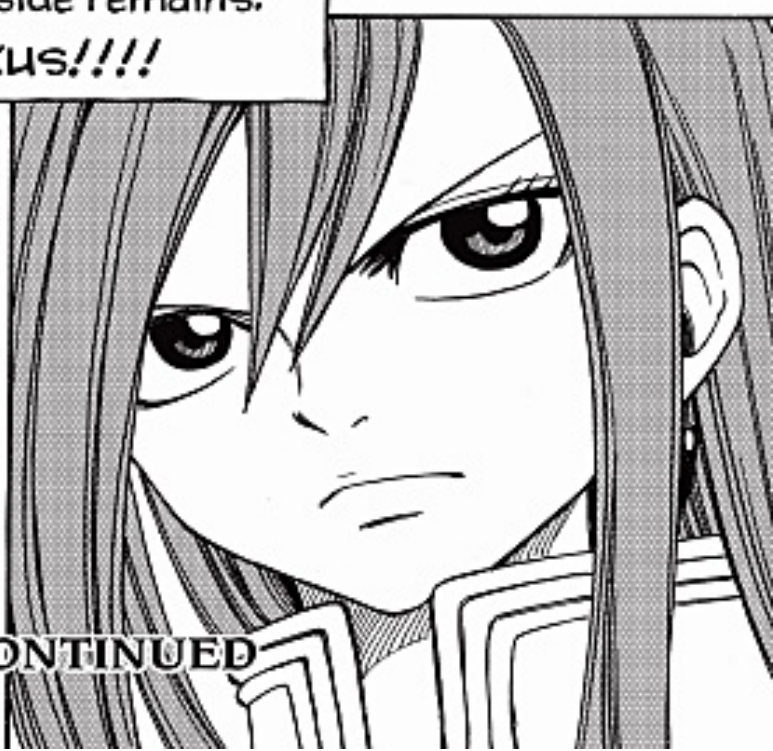




...in the Battle
of Fairy Tail...



...only one member of
Lexus's side remains.
Lexus!!!!



TO BE CONTINUED



When I updated to a new computer, it was fate that I should buy a new paint software program (for coloring my images). But I can't seem to use it in the same way that I was able to use my old program. Just now, as I finish up my pages, I'm about to go back to coloring training. And as my trial and error approach continues, the time I spend at work increases... And this just repeats and repeats. Up to volume 13, I was using the watercolor tool in Painter 6 to color my images, but with Painter X, the watercolor program is just slightly different, and it's making me lose my bearings. I don't want to draw images that scream, "Yes, this is computer graphics!" I like a hand-painted touch, and that's why I chose the Painter series software in the first place. But I'm the kind of guy who doesn't really "get" machines (although I love to play computer games). And so, after doing all sorts of experiments, I decided to try a different tool within Painter X. The cover for this volume (14) is the first time I've ever used a tool other than "watercolor" to color an image. If you don't notice much of a difference between this and the previous cover images, then it was a success, but... What do you think? On the other hand, it's kind of fun trying my hand at something new. There are all sorts of things that I have to learn, and that's a problem. "This isn't the best way to do colors... and neither is this..." It's like I've returned to my rookie days in the way I spend all day practicing. But it's fun, so I don't mind.

Speaking of "fun," recently I've been trying out some digital techniques on my black & white pages too. Right now, it's really only for laying down screentones (those things that make for gray on the page). I figured I didn't use all that much tone anyway, so doing it this way would be faster, right? But I've found that seeing it suddenly laid down digitally is really fun! That's the main thing!!



Lucy: Moun•tain•li•on•pooooon!!!

Mira: Ah, you said it again.



Lucy: Hey!! The reaction from the readers for it was huge!! I thought something like that would catch on!



Mira: Then I should think up something to say in a sing-song voice!

Lucy: A sing-song voice...?



Mira: "Satan Soooooouuu!!!"

Lucy: Stop it!



Mira: Why?

Lucy: B-Because it scares the heck out of me... Come to think of it, your Satan Soul in this volume... wasn't that a little dangerous...?

Mira: Ah, I see it's time to take a peek at the first question.

Lucy: Utterly ignored.

I wonder about that too.



Mira: Most likely the author hasn't decided yet, right?

Lucy: Y-You're not supposed to say that...

Mira: Okay, how about: Yes, I know you wonder, but just enjoy the anticipation of receiving an answer in future volumes!



Lucy: I don't know about that either. What about the people who can't collect all the volumes...

Mira: Our next question goes something like this.

Could Yûka's Wave Motion magic be used to eliminate Etherion?



Lucy: I'd say there's very little chance of that.

Mira: True. Wave Motion affects a certain type of magical energy, and it can only eliminate that particular type.

Lucy: You mean, like when he was fighting Natsu, it could only counter fire?

Mira: That's right. So it's actually not very useful when fighting a large number of wizards.

Is Jellal still alive?



Mira: This question came up a whole lot.

Continued on the right-hand page.

Mira: Etherion is a fusion of countless types of magical power, so I think he'd be out of luck.



Lucy: By the way, what are those guys doing now-a-days?

Mira: You can get a hint on Volume 13, page 104.

I think Jutsu-Shiki magic is too powerful. Doesn't it have any weaknesses?



Mira: Yes, it's very powerful magic, but it has an unexpectedly large number of weaknesses.

Lucy: Are you sure? I think it's very unfair! The person who makes the rules wins!

Mira: But writing the letters takes a lot of time. I may be repeating the Master a bit, but... Yes, it's the strongest magic for setting traps, but if you're suddenly attacked, you have no time for writing, right?



Mira: He wrote words on his enemies, and words on himself. His magic was really powerful!



Mira: And that's why I had no choice but to use Satan Soul.



Mira: The final question for this time is...

What days of the week can you call Loke?



Lucy: My contract with him is that he can be called any time, more or less.

Mira: That's amazing!! Most of the strongest Celestial Spirits have strict limits on the day or time they can be called!

Lucy: Yeah, but with him...every now and again, he comes out on his own.

Mira: I imagine that would be awful if you were, say, in the bathtub.



Lucy: That happened once.



Mira: Poor Loke would get dripping wet!



Lucy: You meant "awful" for *him*?!!

Mira: I see him every so often at the guild. He sure has a lot of freedom.

Lucy: Eh? That's the first I've heard about that!!

Mira: A little while ago. He and Cana went out on a job together.



Lucy: Wh-What's that supposed to mean?!!

Mira: Aw, don't be jealous!

Lucy: Th-That isn't what I mean!! It's just if he does that...then what's the point of a contract at all?! That's too much freedom!!!

Mira: And that's all we have time for today! Moun•tain•li•on•pooooon!!!



Lucy: Wait, that's my line!! But before that... Hey, Loke!! What's going on?! I don't even have his key!!

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FAIRY GUILD

Rejection Corner



**SORRY...
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T
ACCEDE TO YOUR REQUEST...**



11"ニニツル...
Bunny Pie...

Kumamoto Prefecture, Niko-chan

By sending in letters or postcards, you give us permission to give your name, address, postal code and any other information you include to the author as is. Please keep that in mind.



Nagano Prefecture, Shōya Kobayashi



Yokohama, Yumiko Morita

▼ The birth of a new couple!
But I don't think it can happen!
(Ha ha!)



Chiba Prefecture, Yū



Saitama Prefecture, Keisuke Naniki

▼ Nice! I like how everybody
is reflected in soap bubbles!

▼ Next Volume: Finally
Mystogan makes his move!



Saitama Prefecture, Ayaka Okada

▼ This year (2009) is the
year of the cow, so I received
a huge number of Taurus New
Year's cards.

The *Fairy Tail* Guild d'Art is an explosion of fan art! Please send in your black-and-white art on large postcard stock!! Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your postcard!

TAIL d'ART



Yamagata Prefecture, Haruka Itagaki

▼ A really cute Natsu and Lucy. Like a keyholder.



Yūka Sato

▼ Hmm... A picture that looks like it's taunting me... But... I love Plue too!!



Nagano Prefecture, Airu

▼ A princess-like Erza. What was up with that Gohr-loi look of hers?



Wakayama Prefecture, Ayana

▼ Ulia is so cute! ▼ Her popularity has really soared!



Shizuoka Prefecture, Aruto

▼ A mass gathering of Celestial Spirits! Everybody has a different view of Lucy, and that makes this fun!



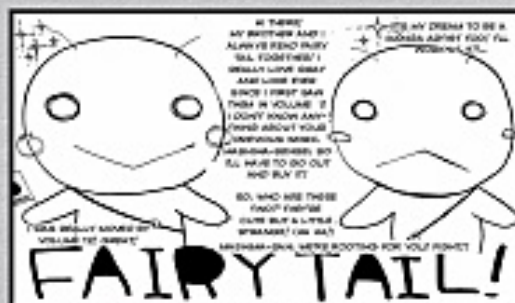
Hiroshima Prefecture, Clover

▼ A samurai-style Erza. She really looks good in that kind of style!



Tochigi Prefecture, Reiji Katsuki

▼ Laxus and the Master. How will their relationship play out?



Wakayama Prefecture, Tatsū

▼ Who are these two people (two things?) supposed to be? And there are too many questions in your accompanying letter! They'll be answered soon in the manga (probably)!



From Hiro Mashima

My first thought was to make the "Battle of Fairy Tail" into a tournament-style story. At least, that's what I thought until I mentioned it to my editor and the look in his eyes said,

"I knew that was coming!!!"

So, I did it in the style you see now instead. I really get into tournament manga... But I know that somebody will accuse me of swiping it from some other manga, right? And say,

"I knew that was coming!!!"

But I really get worked up by that kind of thing...

You know, it's one of those, "I want to do it, but I don't want to do it" dilemmas.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that what is contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, there are occasional images where the word "Wizard" is found. This translation has taken that as its inspiration, and translated the word *madôshi* as wizard. But *madôshi's* meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed into the English language such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madô* is the way of magic, and *madôshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used, the Japanese would think less of traditional western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, and more of martial artists.

"That's our Tono," page 3

The Japanese phrase, *sasuga* (subject), is usually translated as, "I'd expect no less from (subject)," or "That's our (subject) for you." Although these phrases aren't completely unknown in English, they aren't used nearly as often as the Japanese use the *sasuga*, so they become easy to identify when one reads translations of Japanese entertainment. The phrase is said when the subject does something typical of either the subject's personality or typically impressive if one is at the subject's position/skill level. For example, Sherlock Holmes solving an extremely difficult murder case would garner the comment, "Sasuga meitantei!" or "Just what one would expect from a famous detective!"

Beeehh, page 13

Sticking one's tongue out at a rival/opponent means pretty much the same thing in Japan as it does in the west. However, the Japanese have taken this childish gesture of defiance and expanded on it with a few additions. The sound effect used, "beeehh," is not an onomatopoeia such as one might find "Pbbbt" being used to approximate a raspberry sound. When sticking out one's tongue, many Japanese people actually say, "Beh!" or the more prevalent "Akanbe!" which can be loosely translated as, "You did something you shouldn't!" Another addition to the gesture is pulling down the skin just beneath one eye to reveal the red portion under one's lower eyelid.

Demon-Princess, page 23

Oni (here translated as "demon") are one of the traditional "bad guys" of Japanese folklore. Like ogres of Western fairy tales, the oni tend to be big, strong, stupid, violent, and rove in bands to wreak wanton destruction. Other common features are skin that is bright red, blue or green; horns (two on either side of the top of the head, or one on the top-back of the head); wooden hammers or spiked clubs; and rough-hewn, tiger-striped loin cloths or other such clothes.

Public baths, page 94

Although having an *ofuro* bathtub in every home and apartment is becoming far more commonplace in Japan, there are still quite a few old apartments (and even some houses) that are not equipped with places to shower or bathe. This need is filled by large public bathhouses that can be found in most residential districts in Japan. One usually brings one's own bath paraphernalia such as a towel, soap, etc., and is allowed to enter into the gender-segregated changing and washing rooms for a nominal fee. After undressing and placing one's clothes in a locker, one enters the bath area, sits before a water spigot, and does one's washing and shampooing first. After one has completely rinsed, the person then can go relax in one of the big tubs for a hot-water soak. The "plip-plooop" sound effect is a translation of the standard public-bath sound effect found in all sorts of manga. It is the sound of condensed water from the ceiling or overhead pipes falling back into the steaming bath water.

Onsen Mark, page 94

The mark of a partial oval with three wavy lines rising above it is the Japanese symbol for an *onsen* hot spring bath. Natural *onsen* hot springs are a sought-after commodity, and if the water is fit for bathing, those locations can become popular resort locations. Although actual *onsen* hot-springs baths are usually found only around volcanically active areas, the mark has also come to indicate public baths of any kind.

You are so doing it!, page 126

The Japanese word Happy used in this instance is *dekiteiru*, a word that means that the two people have become a confirmed couple, but it usually carries connotations that the couple has become "intimate." In the repeat of the joke on page 126, in Japanese, Happy trilled the final "r" sound, making the notion sound even more salacious than when Happy said it the first time. However, it is somewhat out of character for Happy to trill his "r" sounds since that is a habit of street punks and yakuza gang members.

Écriture, page 155

Écriture is French for "writing."

Honorifics Explained

Throughout the Kodansha Comics books, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When addressing someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei!").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy at Kodansha Comics not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in Kodansha Comics manga.

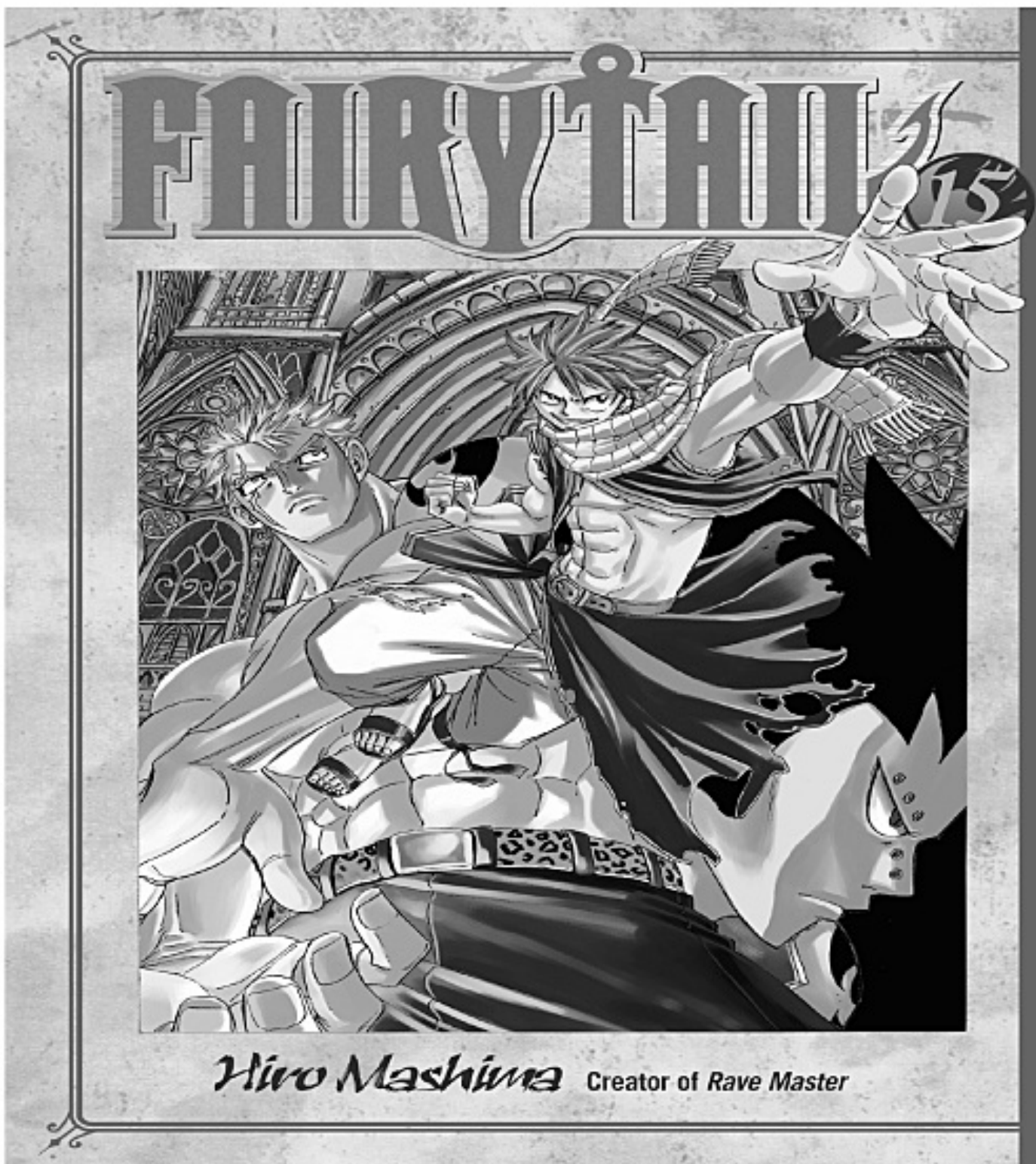
- san:** This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.
- sama:** This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.
- dono:** This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.

-kun:	This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.
-chan:	This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even among lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.
Bozu:	This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms "kid" and "squirt."
Sempai/ Senpai:	This title suggests that the addressee is one's senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as "sempai." It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.
Kohai:	This is the opposite of "sempai" and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.
Sensei:	Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.
-[blank]:	This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. Known as <i>yobisute</i> , it can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one's name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn't been earned, it can be very insulting.

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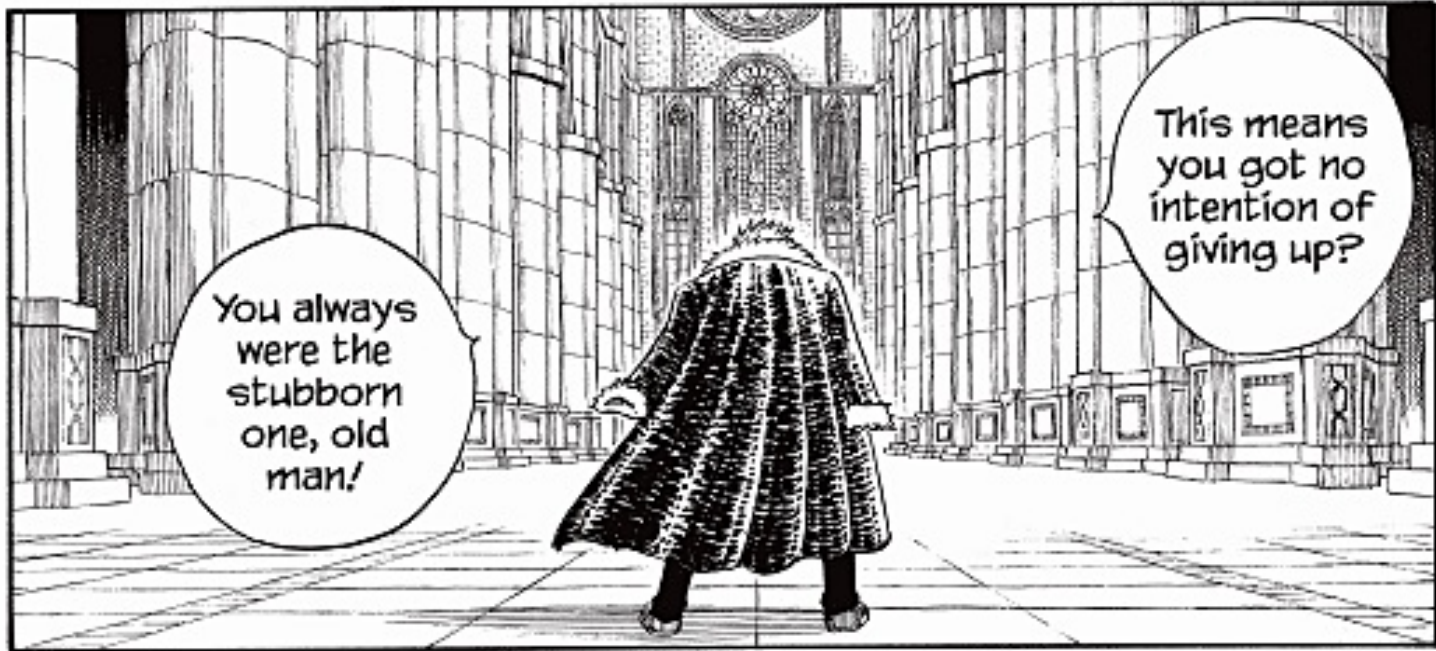
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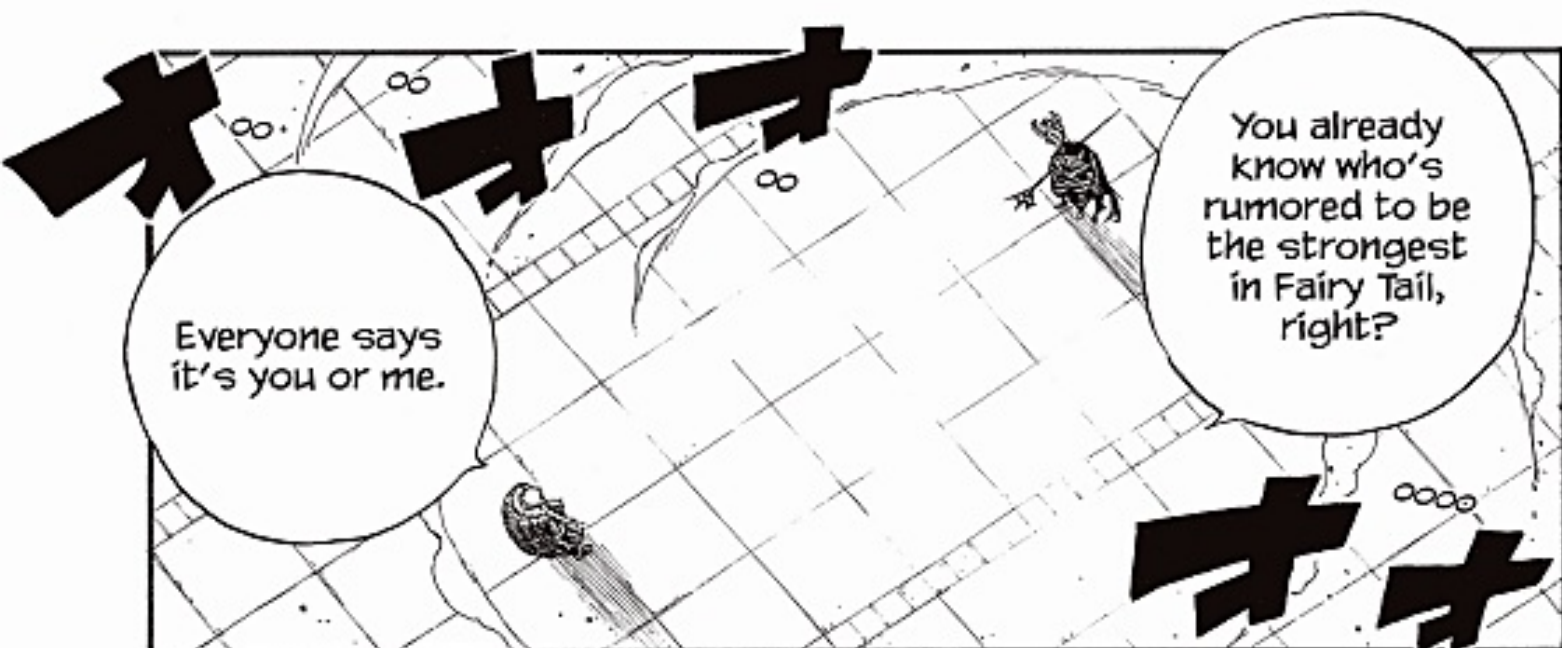
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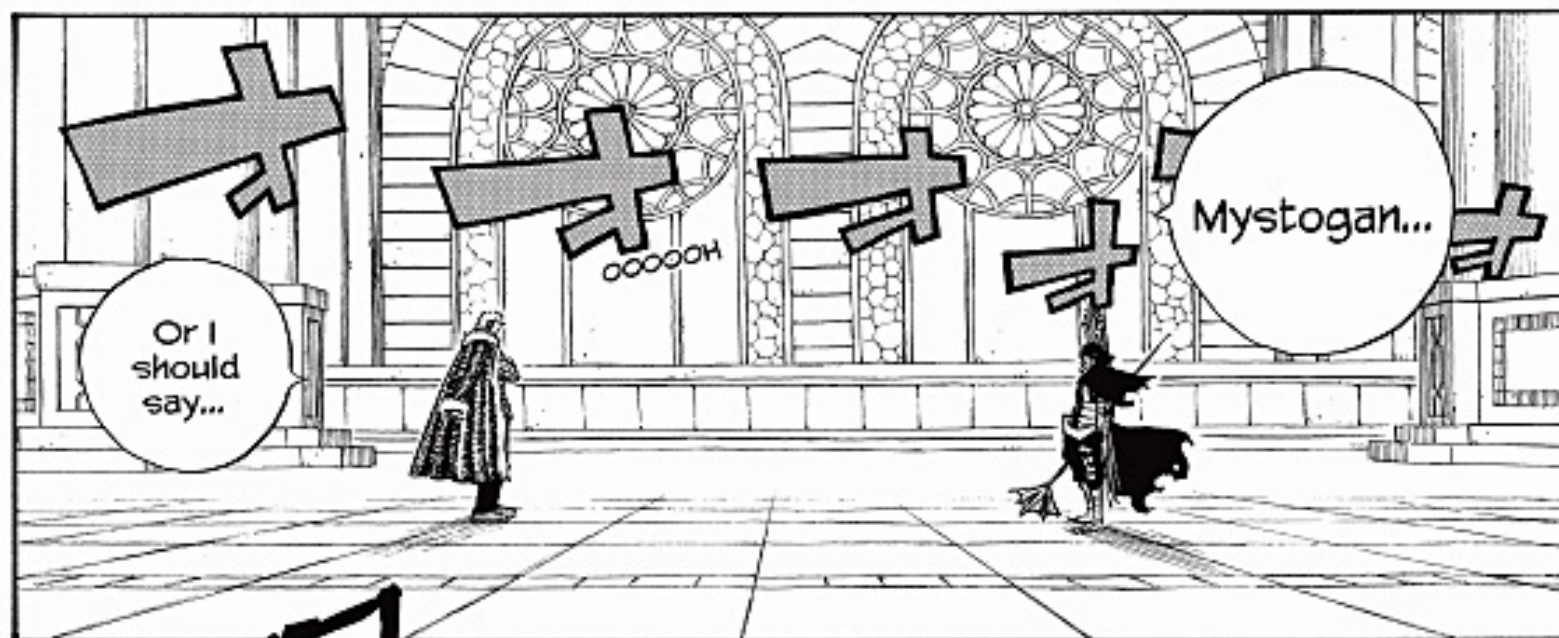
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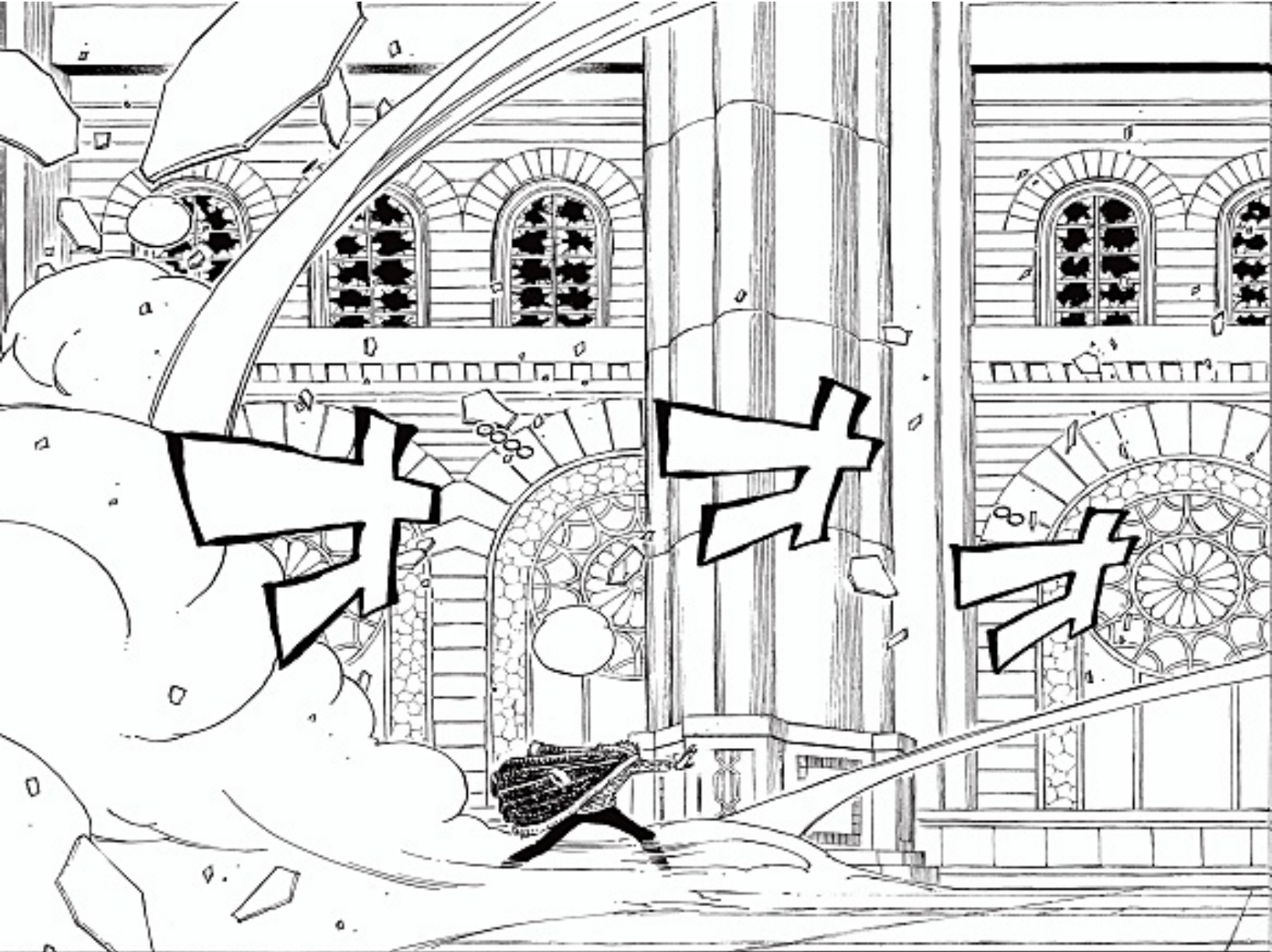
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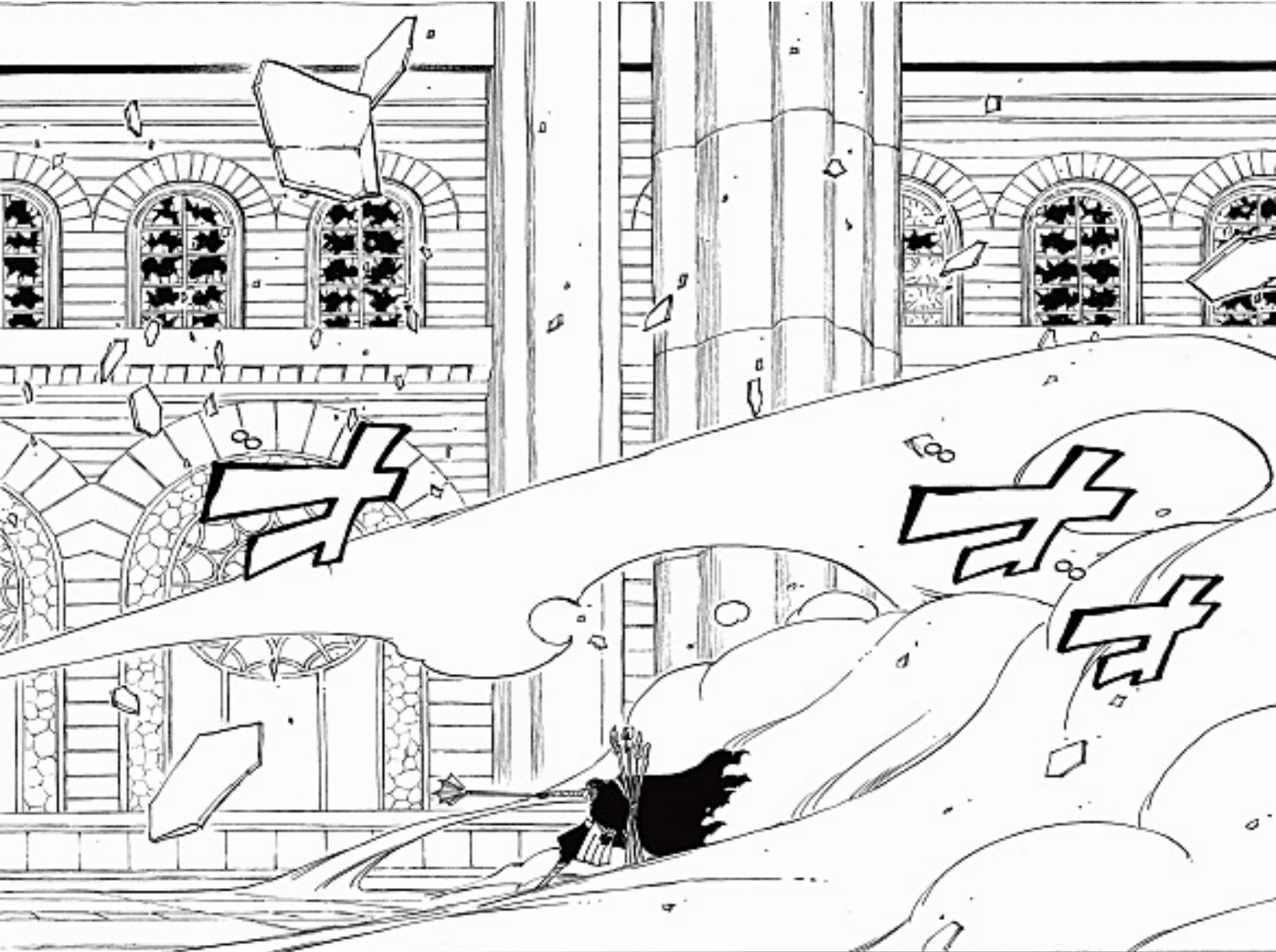
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